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Schools are suspending more pupils for violence and drugs

By Marijke Cox
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THE number of pupils being suspended from school for assaulting teachers and other students has risen, according to new figures showing an increase in exclusions.

Official government statistics reveal a staggering 16,630 fixed-period exclusions were issued across Kent and Medway's schools in 2010-11, amounting to 426 pupils a week over the 39-week school year.

This shows a rise from the previous year's figure, which was 14,760.

Permanent exclusions, however, have dropped from 180 to 170 in Kent and just 20 in Medway.

The majority of suspensions were for physical abuse of pupils, verbally abusing adults, and consistent disruptive behaviour. Exclusions for assaults on teachers increased from 624 to 744, and on pupils from 2,950 to 3,077.

Worryingly, however, the latest figures show the number of suspensions for drug and alcohol related incidents has risen from 357 to 371 in Kent. This has dropped in Medway by almost half to just 24.

The statistics covered the total number of fixed-period exclusions – usually amounting to around 2.5 days off school – in primaries, secondaries and special schools.

Broken down, they show there were 1,789 suspensions in primary schools and 14,275 in secondaries, with the remainder in special schools.

Head of advocacy and entitlement at Kent County Council Alex Gamby said

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OUR SILVER SUCCESS

OLYMPIC HERO: Kent's William Fox-Pitt wins silver in the team eventing – **SEE INSIDE**

CAMPAIGN

Alternatives to Boris Island

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ENTERTAINMENT

What future for carnivals?

KENT has a strong tradition of staging carnivals. Many are continuing to thrive, with one town attracting a massive 40,000 people to its festivities. But other events are struggling to win support from residents and businesses, with one carnival managing to collect just £360. **PAGE 13**

SPORT

Gills manager moulds team

GILLINGHAM boss Martin Allen is confident his side will soon get to grips with his style of play. Allen's men beat Dover 2-1 this week, but he is is keen for his players to step up as they approach their big kick-off a week on Tuesday when they travel to face Bristol City in the League Cup. **PAGE 71**

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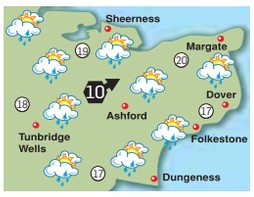

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TODAY'S HIGH TIDE (Metres)

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'Permanent exclusion should only be used as a last resort'

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to ensure every pupil benefits fully from the opportunities provided through education it is essential for schools to maintain high levels of appropriate behaviour and good discipline.

"The Government supports headteachers in using exclusion as a sanction where it is warranted. However, permanent exclusion should only be used as a last resort when all other options have been tried to improve the situation," she said.

"The number of permanent exclusions in Kent has fallen significantly over the past four years.

"KCC works with schools by providing them with strategies to avoid permanent exclusion wherever possible and also to reduce the need for fixed-term exclusions."

She said where it is deemed that there is no other option than to exclude a child, alternative teaching provision is offered through pupil referral units. These offer pupils time out of school and support for their re-integration.

Ms Gamby said: "Many schools in Kent work together collaboratively to prevent exclusions and may, for example, agree a managed move of school for a pupil, where that is in the best interests of the young person and the school.

"Everything is done to ensure the young person can continue in education."

She added: "Behaviour which can lead to exclusions may be an indication that a pupil has other learning and social needs which need to be addressed.

"KCC staff work with schools to identify these and to intervene early to reduce the need for a subsequent exclusion."

Medway Council said the decision to exclude a pupil was never taken lightly.

A spokeswoman said the figures included academies as well as local authority schools.

Academies are independently run.

"Although academies do have their own exclusion policies and follow Department for Education guidance on exclusions, we work closely with them to help support pupils and keep them in school," she said.

"Schools will not tolerate poor behaviour and we work closely with them and families to tackle any issues as soon as they arise.

"Our focus has been on reducing the number of permanent exclusions with a range of responses in place, including peer mentoring, counselling and managed transfers – which allow the pupil to have a fresh start at a new school.

"We offer targeted individual support to young people who are moving schools to allow them to settle back into learning, and more recently we have increased the therapeutic support available to secondary pupils over the last three years, with an additional team of professionals at a pupil referral unit."

AUCTION

Torchbearer is left with warm glow after eBay sale nets him £3,950

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AN Olympic torchbearer who made the tough decision to sell his torch online has raised a massive £3,950.

He is among a host of people using auction site eBay to flog their Olympic memorabilia, with everything from road closure signs to torchbearer tracksuits appearing on the site.

But for Douglas Osborne, 46, from Belvedere, parting with such a unique piece of history was not a decision he took lightly.

Mr Osborne, a tube train driving instructor, was nominated for the honour after spending years raising thousands of pounds for charity.

He has run the London Marathon six times, completed a 100km run from London to Brighton, and swum the English Channel, all to raise money for Leukaemia Care and the British Heart Foundation.

Mr Osborne has a good reason for wanting to do his bit for charity.

When he was 15, his cousin, Peter Halliday, also 15, became ill with leukaemia. After managing to fight the disease, Peter was treated to a holiday, but his body was still too weak and he contracted pneumonia and died.

Mr Osborne, who has nine-year-old twins, a daughter, 16, and stepson, 26, put the torch on eBay after he completed his leg of the relay in Barking and Dagenham on July 22.

The £3,950 sale price will be used to help him to take part in more fundraising events, and also help to pay for his daughter's private music lessons when she starts college later this year.

He said: "It was a difficult decision to sell the torch, but I have three young children and one adult stepson. It's not an easy thing to sell."

The buyer of the torch and uniform, known only as Susan, works in hospices in London and will be using it to help raise money for good causes at events.

Married Mr Osborne said: "The torch has got an aura about it, it brings the smile factor. I've taken it to shops that have sponsored me and given me prizes for raffles.

"Everybody changes when they are around it."

Mr Osborne said despite being only 300 metres, running with the flame felt like it lasted "forever".

He said: "There were thousands of people screaming and shouting. A lot of people had looked up my profile and were shouting my name."

Another torchbearer using eBay to sell his torch is Kirun Baker, from Dover, who ran through his hometown on July 18.

Mr Baker, who has learning difficulties, is starting college in September and hopes to become a chef. The money raised, which as we went to press was nearly £2,000, will help to fund his dream

Also seen on eBay from Kent sellers were Canterbury and Ashford torch relay road closures signs, a torchbearer's tracksuit minus the torch, and a signed picture of Sir Steve Redgrave.

LIGHT ON HIS FEET: Douglas Osborne carring the Olympic Torch

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OLYMPICS

Athletes are on their marks for final shot at Olympic Games glory

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THERE'S been laughter and tears from Kent's Olympians as they emerge from their first week of London 2012.

But it's not over yet, with another week and more competitions to go as they battle it out to add to Team GB's growing collection of medals.

Sprinting sensation Adam Gemili is in action this weekend in the 100m, and is determined to make the final and line up against Olympic superstar Usain Bolt.

Also hoping of a podium place is Chatham's trampolining star Kat Driscoll.

Two of Kent's Olympians have already emerged clutching medals; a silver for Canterbury horse rider William Fox-Pitt, after helping the three-day equestrian event team to success; and a bronze for Ashford rower Tom Ransley, who was part of the men's rowing eight.

Another athlete gearing up for action is Ashford's Lisa Dobriskey, who made her Olympic debut in Beijing 2008, finishing fourth.

She will run in the 1,500m on Monday at 11.45am.

"I really hope to make the final. I was fourth in Beijing so for me to go one better would be the ultimate goal," she said.

The 28-year-old is an ambassador for Kent County Council's Free Access for National Sportspeople (FANS) scheme, which helps support performers through work with leisure centres, gyms, sports professionals, and local authorities.

"To be the best you need to train like the best and the range and quality of the facilities Kent has to offer allows athletes on the scheme to do just that," she said.

Other Olympians to have taken to the world's stage already are windsurfer Bryony Shaw, based in Tunbridge Wells, who will continue her campaign this weekend at Weymouth and Portland, and West Malling's Ashley Jackson who scored twice in the men's hockey against South Africa.

But while some have or are doing well, others competitors have seen their Olympic dreams shattered.

Bromley's Ellen Gandy was disappointed after failing to reach the semi-finals of the 200m butterfly.

And Canterbury hockey player Jen Wilson was devastated as her South Africa side were thrashed 7-1 in their opening game against Argentina.

Runner Jack Green, from Maidstone, was due to compete in the 400m hurdles on Friday.

Other Kent-based Olympians are hockey player Natalie Seymour, from Maidstone, and Sean King and Jack Waller, who train at Invicta Water Polo Club. Former Gillingham defender Ryan Bertrand has also been in action, helping Team GB reach the quarter-finals in men's football.

HI HO SILVER: William Fox-Pitt
Picture: CHRISTOPHER PLEDGER/NOPP

ECONOMY

Sale of Pfizer site sparks enquiries from potential business tenants

A PRIVATE consortium has bought the former Pfizer site.

The announcement comes almost a year-and-a-half after the devastating blow that the drugs giant was pulling out of Sandwich, affecting 2,400 staff.

A consortium called Discovery Park Ltd, a special-purpose group set up by property development experts Trevor Cartner and Chris Musgrave together with Palmer Capital, have acquired the freehold of the 297-acre site, now called the Sandwich Discovery Park.

The site includes laboratories, offices and warehouses, as well as 84 acres of park used for a combined heat and power plant and processing facilities.

Paul Barber, a former managing director of Priority Sites, the Government regeneration company, will become managing director of Discovery Park Ltd.

"This is an exciting project for me and our whole team," he said.

"We look forward to working with Kent County Council, Locate in Kent, and central and local government to secure the long-term future of this site.

"Pfizer has taken a lease of around 250,000 sq ft of offices and laboratories and together with our other tenants we have around 1,000 people employed on site.

"We have received several enquiries from companies looking to locate to this site and we will progress these with extreme vigour."

MP for South Thanet Laura Sandys said: "I am thrilled Pfizer has sold the site at Sandwich.

"After hearing the new owners have already had a number of enquiries from companies looking to move to Sandwich, I am very confident that many new jobs will be created.

"This is exciting for the community and should see the start of further investment into the area.

"Sandwich is a great place to do business and I am sure this will be a huge success."

In June, exclusive talks with a different consortium led by property company London and Metropolitan broke down. There were fears this could delay progress at the site.

Despite Pfizer's withdrawal, more than 800 jobs were eventually retained and the site was granted Enterprise Zone status to encourage businesses to move to the park through incentives including tax breaks and lenient planning laws.

East Kent also received £40 million of the Government's Regional Growth Fund to help existing and new firms, and improve rail links.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Boy killed in hit and run

A MAN and a woman being quizzed by police following a hit and run near Sittingbourne which killed a 14-year-old boy, have been released on bail, pending further inquiries.

Kyle Coen, from Sittingbourne, was killed when the bike he was riding towards Faversham was struck from behind by a car.

It is believed the car – thought to be a grey Fiat Bravo – was then driven off in the direction of Teynham.

The incident took place on the A2 London Road, near Bapchild Cricket Club, at around 9.15pm on Monday.

A 27-year-old woman and 23-year-old man will return to a police station in Kent at a later date.

'We need your noses'

STRANGE smells have got council officials asking the public to help trace the source of odours in the Tonbridge area.

They say claims the odours may be from chemical manufacturer Drytec remain unsubstantiated.

The public are asked to give information such as the location and strength of the odour as well characteristics such as sweet, savoury, burnt toffee or garlic.

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Baby Boom at Wingham Wildlife Park

Since the park was taken over by its owners, Tony & Jackie Binskin in 2008 it is not only the number of species on display which has grown, but the number of babies born each year continues to rocket. Tony explains their breeding success by saying, "we have got over 210 species on display in the park which is more than any other Kent zoo and we try to ensure that all of our animals are as comfortable as possible. We feel that a happy animal is going to be the best animal for producing healthy babies , so that's what we always strive for!"

"The summer months are the best time to come & see the animals here because it gives you a chance to watch some of the years babies grow up," Jackie explained. Over the past 12 months there has been a real boom in the species which have bred at the park which includes but is not limited to; Ring Tailed Lemurs, Red Ruffed Lemurs, Goeldi's Monkeys, Common Marmosets, Tufted Capuchins, Vervet Monkeys, Vietnamese Pheasants, Rhinoceros Iguanas, Egyptian Fruit Bats, African Crested Porcupines and much more.

There is visible excitement amongst the staff at the park about the world class breeding success becoming an annual occurrence at the Park with Tony exclaiming, "knowing where the park has come from and not having the financial backing which many of the countries bigger zoos have, it is really rewarding to know that we can still make a difference to many species. From this point we hope to just continue to grow and have more success."

This growth has already been set in to motion at the park with plans in place to further increase the parks breeding success in years to come. The parks collection of felines is growing steadily and all of the keepers are looking forward to hearing the patter of kitten feet over the next few years, once the cats are paired and come of breeding age. Some cats are currently waiting for new arrivals, including mates for Binx the Puma and Luna the Black Jaguar.

It is not however just the cats where Tony and Jackie have their sights set high. Jackie explained that "we are working with a number of our species which are already set up in groups to encourage them to breed at our park, with a few of them being of high conservation importance." These species include their groups of Humboldt's Penguins, Flamingos, Mandrills, Emperor Tamarins & Nile Crocodiles.

In the past the park has already had success with very difficult to breed and rare species, being the first place outside of Australasia to breed Little Red Flying Foxes. At present Wingham Wildlife Park have the only Gray's Monitors on display in a UK zoo. This reptile species is notoriously difficult to keep in captivity but the reptile keepers at the park have done a great job at raising these beautiful lizards, and hopes are high that at some point in the future they will be able to lay claim to being the first breeders of this species outside the Philippines.

Tony finished by adding, "it is always expected that success with breeding species like the Flying Foxes is limited to the world's biggest zoos, and it is always great when we are able to make such a contribution and show the world that we are able to play with the big boys." As this park continues to grow and improve they are certainly worth keeping your eye on, which can easily be done through their Facebook page.

CAMPAIGN

How to increase airport capacity without the need for a new airport

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THE idea of a Thames estuary airport is not new.

Looking back over the last decade, the site has been earmarked several times as a possible solution to the South East's growing aviation needs.

And taking it back even further, the north Kent coast has been the focus for airport plans since as early as 1943.

It's likely that even if the latest ambitious proposals, one by architect Lord Foster on Grain and the other by London Mayor Boris Johnson on reclaimed land in the estuary, are scrapped, the plan will be back on the table before campaigners have time to put away their placards.

Many anti-airport protesters believe that unless a viable alternative is put forward, plans for an estuary airport near or even on the north Kent coast will never go away.

The issue is whether any of the alternatives will convince the Government it can offer a viable option to a multi-billion pound new hub airport.

In its discussion document Bold Steps for Aviation, Kent County Council stressed action must be taken to meet increasing capacity demands.

"Adjusting schedules and changing flight slots will not solve Heathrow's lack of capacity, but neither will building a new multi-runway hub airport in the Thames estuary which cannot be delivered in time to stop the UK's continued slide against its competitors," a spokesman said.

"The UK needs to be able to connect with emerging markets now and the quickest way of addressing this is to build on our current aviation infrastructure."

Aside from the devastating impact an estuary airport would have on the environment and the safety risks linked to bird strike, a major argument is the length of time it would take to build – around 15 years – and the money, at least £50 billion including the additional infrastructure.

Alternative options already have the advantage of being likely to take significantly less time.

These options will form the basis of the upcoming aviation consultation, due to be launched by the Government in the autumn.

The first and most high-profile is a third runway at Heathrow. The Lib Dems are against such expansion, but a number of senior Tories, including Chancellor George Osborne, are warming to the idea.

David Cameron hinted at a U-turn after previously ruling out a third runway, but Boris Johnson is continuing to push for an estuary airport.

Other alternatives include the addition of a second runway at Gatwick and the use of existing airports, such as Manston in Thanet and Lydd in Shepway.

A new campaign group calling itself 'Why not Manston?' aims to raise the profile of the Thanet airport in the hope it will become a serious option in the aviation consultation.

Other options are to improve rail connectivity to main airports, which the Government is already committing to do in the South West and Wales.

Aviation capacity will be discussed later this year in the long-awaited, previously delayed consultation, with a decision expected next year.

NO Estuary Airport

What are your views on the airport proposals? Share your opinion by writing to Airport Campaign, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SS, or email editorial@kosmedia.co.uk and put 'airport' in the subject. You can sign the petition at www.stopestuaryairport.co.uk

■ A SENIOR politician at County Hall has thrown his weight behind plans for an airport in the Thames estuary.

Tory member Cllr Peter Lake, who represents Sevenoaks South, criticised Kent County Council's support for expansion at Heathrow and Gatwick.

He said Gatwick expansion would put an extra burden on west Kent and called for better use of Thanet's Manston airport. But he said he also believed the estuary airport was a viable option.

In its airport document Bold Steps for Aviation, KCC called for the estuary plan to be scrapped.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Church machete attack

FIVE elderly people were injured after a masked man armed with a machete broke into St Barnabas Church hall and attacked members of a singing group. The man smashed the windows of the church at St Paul's Cray, near Orpington, and the vicar's car before breaking in. The injuries are not believed to have been inflicted with the machete, and are not serious. A 56-year-old man arrested for assault and criminal damage was treated in hospital for a hand injury.

Cat's a Turkish delight

A KITTEN that jumped into a delivery vehicle in the Turkish capital Ankara ended up 2,000 miles away in Dartford after a nine-day journey. Workers at freight and logistics company Davies Turner found the cat, now named 'Yonda', when they unloaded the cargo. The six-week-old tabby has now been placed in quarantine and is in the care of Cats Protection, which is searching for a home and owner for the kitten, and someone to pay its quarantine fees.

Huge steroid seizure

BORDER Force officers have seized a package containing around 1,000 vials of performance enhancing drugs at a Channel Tunnel terminal. The ampoules of nandrolone, an anabolic steroid, were discovered in a parcel being sent from Hungary to London by officers carrying out checks on Kent-bound freight at the terminal in Coquelles. There is no suggestion the drugs are linked to the Olympic Games.

REGENERATION

Multi-million pound drive to attract businesses to our coastal towns

GREEN technologies, tourism and scientific research are the focus of an ambitious project aimed at giving Kent's coastal towns a boost.

The new marketing campaign called Grow For It has been launched in support of the Expansion East Kent scheme which offers £35 million in loans to businesses who want to expand or move to the area.

It is designed to promote the benefits of locating businesses into the coastal districts of Shepway, Thanet, Dover and Canterbury.

Kent County Council leader Cllr Paul Carter, who commissioned the campaign, launched the scheme at an event involving more than 100 businesses and stakeholders.

"Everybody in east Kent is passionate about driving more investment and business into the area and this campaign will not only help achieve that, but will showcase the very real benefits firms can expect if they come here," he said.

"Our list of business-friendly initiatives in the area is long and growing every year, and we want to tell people about the terrific opportunities these districts have to offer."

Expansion East Kent was launched following a successful £40m Regional Growth Fund bid to the Government last year.

Some £35m of that is being used to offer interest-free loans to businesses in an attempt to unlock private sector finance, stimulate more than £300m in associated investment, and create 5,000 jobs over four years.

The three-year marketing campaign Grow For It will involve a programme of events and target specific industries, including green technologies, tourism and scientific research.

The area received a major knock last year when pharmaceutical giant Pfizer – one of the county's biggest employers – announced it would be pulling out of Sandwich.

But the devastating news prompted swift action which led to the creation of the Sandwich Discovery Park, on the former Pfizer site, and Enterprise Zone status, giving businesses incentives such as tax breaks and lenient planning rules to encourage them to invest locally.

■ For information about Expansion East Kent go to https://www.kent.gov.uk/.

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EDUCATION

Unqualified teachers in academies 'will set schools back decades'

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EDUCATION experts have reacted with fury at a Government decision to allow unqualified teachers to work in the county's academies.

Critics say it will set Kent's schooling back 30 years and is just a cost-cutting exercise.

Ministers argue the move will allow academies, which are publicly funded but run independently from town halls, to recruit scientists, great linguists, engineers and other specialists who have not been able to work in state schools before.

But the decision has been attacked by the sector, with fears that generations of children will suffer. Currently more than half of Kent's secondary schools have become academies, and almost all of Medway's secondaries.

Fewer primaries have made the change, but this figure is expected to grow in the coming years.

John Walder, divisional secretary of the Kent branch of National Union of Teachers (NUT), said recruiting unqualified teachers was a dangerous move and one that could destroy a good public service.

"The people doing this don't care about the impact because they are the ones that send their own children to private school," he said.

"It's a dangerous move. The kind of people it could attract for these unqualified roles are failed graduates or those who didn't make it through their teacher training."

Mr Walder said it was a cost-cutting exercise where unqualified teachers would be paid less than those who had qualified.

"It's an attempt to break up teachers' pay and conditions. It's an attempt by the Government to get something for less," he said.

"They're not going to pay unqualified teachers the same. They will say it's wonderful to get these specialist people in, but what it actually is is a real step backwards."

His views were echoed by Gravesend-based expert Peter Read, of Kent Independent Education Advice, who said it would set education back 30 years.

"Education is so complex that people need training as professionals," he said.

"We have more people coming through teacher training than a number of years ago and the quality of teaching is rising year on year.

"Michael Gove (education secretary) is trying to go back to some sort of golden age that never existed."

A NEW SET OF RULES: Government's decision to put untrained people in the classroom has been seen by many as a cost-cutting exercise that could seriously damage our education for many years

Mr Read said he believed some academies would take on unqualified teachers to save money.

But he warned the reputation of those schools' teaching would be damaged and parents would be less likely to want to send their children there.

Questions were also raised about whether specialists would want to teach in state schools for less money and that the quality of the teachers will not be as anticipated by the Government.

Qualified teachers will have undergone either a graduate course, combining a degree with initial teacher training; a year-long post-graduate training programme, involving school placements; or a work-based university training programme.

Teachers have to pass skills tests in maths and English. The qualification is awarded by the Government's Teaching Agency.

A Department for Education spokesman confirmed academies can now employ teaching staff which they believe to be suitably qualified, but without the automatic requirement of Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).

"This policy will free up academies to employ professionals – like scientists, engineers, musicians, university professors, and experienced teachers and heads from overseas and the independent sector – who may be extremely well-qualified and are excellent teachers, but do not have QTS status," he said.

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ARMED FORCES

Parade will salute the fallen of WWI

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HUNDREDS of thousands of British soldiers died in World War One, and for many of them the last they ever saw of Blighty was the seafront at Folkestone.

An emotional march is being held on Sunday along the Road of Remembrance to recreate those last moments, and members of the public are invited to join in.

Called the Step Short Commemorative march, the event is organised each year on the first Sunday in August.

Organiser Ann Berry, 72, said: "It is on the lead up to the centenary of the First World War. Many millions of troops passed down this road to board the ships that would take them to the western front and an unknown future.

"On their way through Folkestone harbour they had their last cuppa in a cafe set up by the two Jeffrey sisters, and while there they signed eight books. Amazingly, one of them can be seen on the table in an old photo taken at the time at the Mole Café.

"Last year we had a re-enactment soldier take the role of Corporal Cotter, who though he lost a leg and had other serious injuries, still commanded his men in action. He did eventually succumb to his wounds and later received the Victoria Cross.

"Step Short is planning to build a permanent memorial arch in The Leas, Folkestone, in time for the centenary to commemorate the soldiers who fought and died.

"Also during that time there were 40,000 Canadians billeted here, 64,000 Belgian refugees, and even a Chinese work camp was set up just under the hills in Folkestone."

The march starts at 11am and anyone wishing to join needs to be on site half an hour earlier opposite The Grand on The Leas, said Ms Berry.

This is the fourth time residents have organised the event, which has been well attended in the past, and they hope this year it will be even bigger.

Ms Berry said: "This is something that needs to carry on.

"We cannot forget the sacrifice those men made for our freedom.

"We will be following the route eight million troops took down the Road of Remembrance as they made their way to the harbour on their way to the Western Front."

Visit www.stepshort.co.uk for further details.

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THEN AND NOW: (Top row) Soldiers march on the Road of Remembrance and The Leas, and right is a re-enactor dressed as Cpl Cotter. (Middle) The Mole Cafe book and the cafe interior. (Bottom) The Parade Commander with the Royal Gurkha Rifles

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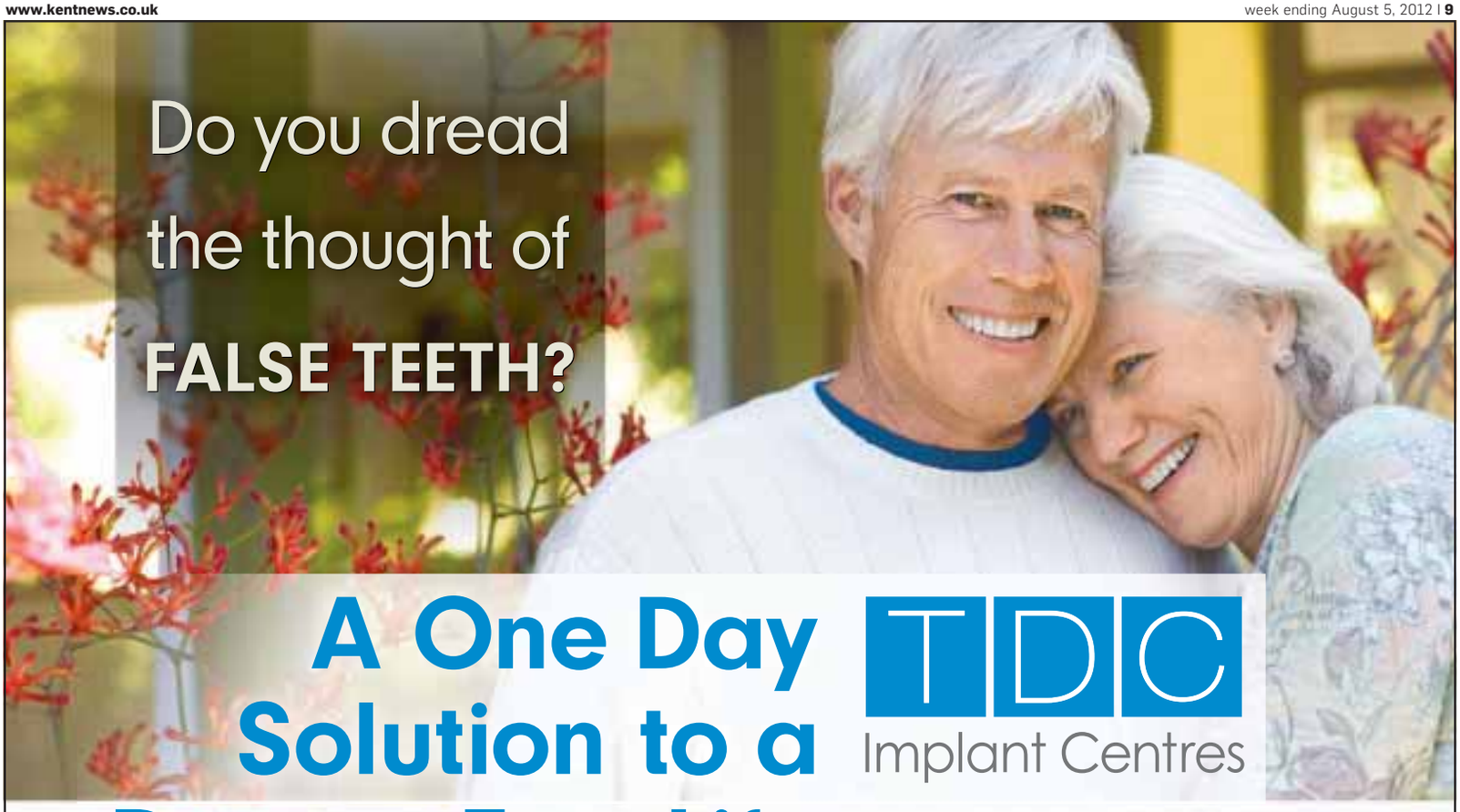

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News

CRIME

Paedophile pensioner paid to see children in Ghana abused on web

A PAEDOPHILE in his 70s has been jailed for inciting children to engage in sexual activity.

Police raided the home of James Hawkins, 74, of Dane Park Road, Ramsgate, on April 1, 2011, after a tip-off that he possessed indecent images of children.

After being arrested he told the officer: "This happened before in Singapore, I served 18 months of a two-year sentence for indecent assault on a boy.

"I thought I had put all this behind me."

Examination of Hawkins' computer equipment revealed 100 videos, ranging from levels 1-4; and 603 still images, with one image being level 5, the most serious level. It also revealed he had been engaging in sexual conversations with children in Ghana, aged between 11-16. A webcam was also used during the chats.

Appearing at Canterbury Crown Court, he was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment for inciting a child to engage in sexual activity, and four months for possession of indecent images of children.

The sentences will be served consecutively, minus 48 days he spent on remand.

He is also subject to a sexual offences prevention order.

Investigating officer, Det Con Abigail Cochrane from the Kent Police public protection unit, said: "Every one of the 603 images that Hawkins had on his computer contained a victim of crime. Hawkins transferred money into accounts in Ghana and in return children in a completely different continent also became his victims."

Sentencing Hawkins, Her Honour Judge Adele Williams said: "You became involved in contacting people in Ghana via chat logs. You were chatting with children and their pimps.

"You used to watch sexual acts with children between the ages of 11 and 16 years-old.

"These children were being abused before your own eyes and you were paying for that."

HERITAGE

National Trust helper appeal

THE National Trust is looking for Kent youngsters to help provide advice on how to get more of the nation's children outdoors. The trust runs Chartwell, Sissinghurst Castle, Knole, Scotney Castle Ightham Mote and South Foreland Lighthouse. Applications close on September 7.

Application forms can be downloaded from www.nationaltrust.org.uk/kidscouncil.

EMERGENCY

Unexploded shells drama

THE two vessels docked in Sheerness harbour had to be evacuated after reports of suspected unexploded shells on board the boats last Saturday.

A 100 metre exclusion zone was put around the berths and the area was evacuated of 39 people until the shells were declared safe. The vessels were a catamaran workboat, and a 90-metre cable layer.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Contrasting carnival fortunes as some thrive but others face extinction from public apathy

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THOUSANDS of people have lined the streets to watch Kent carnivals this year, proving the tradition remains firmly in people's hearts.

Yet some organisers are struggling to find funds and support for the events, putting some at risk of disappearing altogether.

Last month more than 2,000 people in Dover watched as carnival queens and bands took part in the procession through the town.

It was a scene very different to three years ago, when Dover was set to lose its carnival – but organisers say it is the best it has been for years.

Nearby Deal carnival saw its biggest turnout yet last week as a massive 40,000 visitors descended on the town.

Three Olympic Torchbearers, Jamie Clark, Joe Smith and Tracy Evans, led the procession with their torches, much to the delight of the crowds.

Further afield Paddock Wood had 3,500 spectators last year and Margate already has 100 major entries for its carnival in this month.

Organisers say the huge turnouts are down to a love for the traditions of the carnival and the memories of years gone by.

John Trickey, Deal carnival committee chairman, said: "This year Deal was the biggest carnival I have ever done. The weather helped, of course, as it was fantastic.

"The people of Deal are very protective and fond of the carnival – it's a week-long event. Most people have been coming to Deal carnival for 50 years."

It is a sentiment echoed among carnival committees across the county.

Mick Tomlinson, chairman of Margate carnival, said: "Margate has got a good reputation for putting on a good carnival procession. People love the music, the colour, the ceremony."

But for other carnivals the end is fast approaching. Sittingbourne saw a low turnout this year and organisers warned 2013 could be the last time the procession takes to the streets.

Pam Griggs, chairman of Sittingbourne Carnival Association, said: "This carnival is for the people of Sittingbourne and it is those very people and businesses who should be putting entries into the parade if they want it to be bigger and better in the future.

"We would like to carry on again next year, it would be a shame to see a tradition of more than 100 years, come to an end just because people cannot be bothered to get involved.

"Without more input by our residents and businesses, 2013 could be the last carnival in Sittingbourne."

Carnivals rely on collections from the public to help fund their processions with the successful ones managing to collect thousands of pounds.

But Sittingbourne only managed £364.07 this year – one third of the amount they achieved three years ago.

Another issue facing committees is managing road closures.

Kent Police used to attend to keep things in check, but following a policy change in January, officers are no longer provided to manage traffic controls at events, leaving the responsibility with carnival marshals.

A spokesperson for Kent Police said: "It is recognised, however, that events such as carnivals, are of great importance to the communities. Kent Police will support organisers in the planning of such events, in conjunction with the Safety Advisory Group (SAG) and Highways Authority. Kent Police believes that a partnership approach will result in the safe delivery of events."

Mr Trickey, who is also the chair of Dover carnival, said a few factors make or break the success of the event: support from residents and the town council, and a good committee.

Alan Watson, chairman of Aylesham carnival committee, said: "We find it difficult because we are only a village. We cannot approach the same sponsors. We do get some great funding from Dover District Council for it and the parish council support us. We are lucky we are quite a healthy carnival."

But will the younger generation keep the tradition of the carnival running or are they more interested in playing computer games?

Mr Trickey said: "It won't die out. We have quite a few young people who are quite happy to be a marshal and do something in Deal carnival."

END OF THE LINE? Town beauty queens could become a thing of the past

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Homes cash decision

THANET town hall chiefs have decided to spend money from the sale of council homes to fund extra social housing.

The move follows a government announcement raising the cap on right to buy discounts to £75,000 – generating interest in the sale of more properties. This has led to an increase in enquiries from interested tenants in Thanet, with nine enquiries for the first quarter of the year, compared to 15 for the whole of 2011-12.

Parks flying the flag

CLARE Park and Whatman Park in Maidstone have both won Keep Britain Tidy Green Flag awards for the next 12 months to show they are among the best in the country. The council's Cllr John A Wilson, said: "The awards are a national recognition for the achievements of all those whose hard work has created these fantastic places. Parks have a huge positive impact on people's lives, providing places to play and relax."

POLICING

Independent police chief candidate will dip into her salary to pay for new youth commissioner position

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A HOPEFUL in the Police and Crime Commissioner race has vowed to give young people a voice if she elected by creating a youth police commissioner post.

Ann Barnes, who is the chair of Kent Police Authority (KPA), the body which currently monitors the county's force, said it would be a paid job and open to all young people, from school leavers to gap year students and unemployed youngsters.

"A police youth commissioner will create a link to those who really know what it's like to be a young citizen in Kent," she said.

"There are a lot of disenchanted young people out there and we need to give them a say in policing."

Last week Mrs Barnes made the surprise announcement she would be standing in the PCC election as an independent on November 15, despite previously criticising the upcoming role, which is being introduced by the Home Office.

POLICE CANDIDATE: Ann Barnes

She told this newspaper she had no choice but to stand if the Government was to push ahead with the shake up. She is expected to step down as KPA chair in August.

The PCC will be an individual voted in by the public for a four-year term to replace the existing KPA on November 22. They will set the budget, determine a policing strategy, and have the power to hire and fire the chief constable.

The annual salary is £85,000.

Mrs Barnes launched her youth initiative during a visit to community radio Academy FM at the Folkestone Academy.

She pledged to use some of her own salary to fund the post.

"It would be a paid job, different to an internship, and it will last for a year," she said.

"I'll take someone new on each year and they will be the face of policing for young people – the person who will give them a voice."

Mrs Barnes said the idea stemmed from the suggestion made by independent London mayoral candidate Siobhan Benita in April, who had said there should be a youth Mayor of London.

"I thought it made sense and was a really good idea. This is not just an electioneering gimmick," she said. "It will be something the young person can benefit from, they will gain experience and to have something like that on their CV would be brilliant.

"They will help me engage fully with young people the length and breadth of the county. So often, young people say they feel isolated from the work of the police. My youth commissioner initiative will bridge the gap."

Mrs Barnes said if she is elected the youth post would be in place by April 1, following an open recruitment process.

She is inviting feedback about the role at www.annbarnes.co.uk.

Other PCC candidates are Craig Mackinlay (Con), Harriet Yeo (Lab), Steven Uncles (English Democrats) and independent hopefuls Dai Liyanage, Ken Little, Fran Croucher, Fergus Wilson and Ian Driver.

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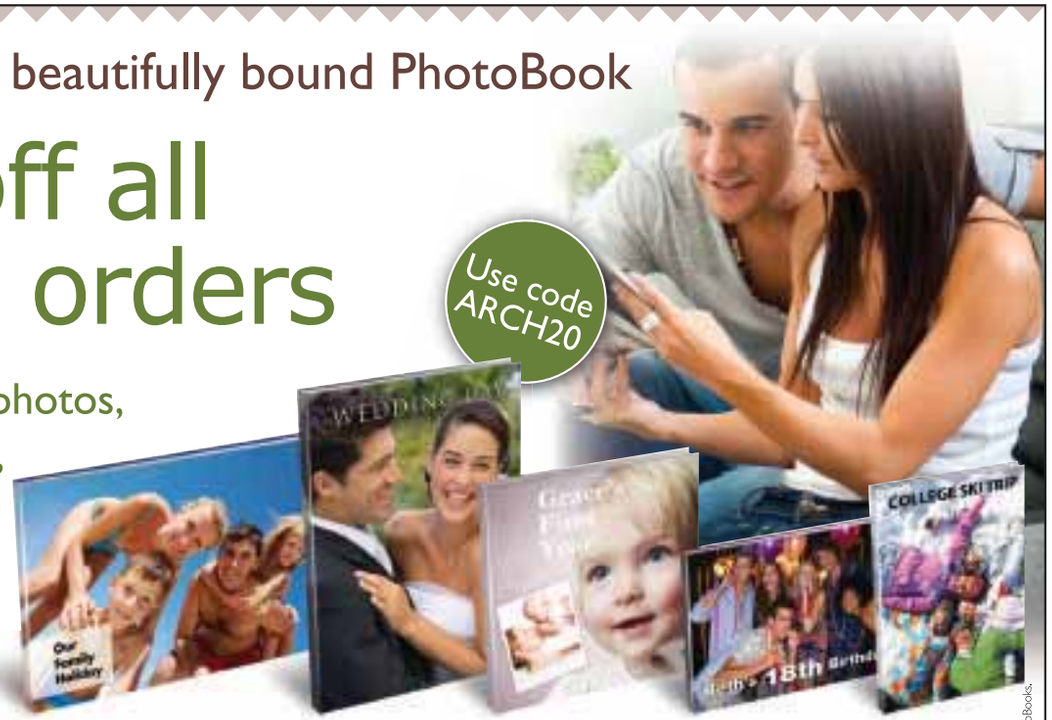

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SPACE TRAVEL

Auction revives interest in mystery around death of Nasa rocket man

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FIFTEEN years ago rocket fuel expert Robert Harvey was found dead on a platform near the top of a Titan space rocket – he had a six inch gash on his head.

A succession of unusual events in the wake of his death sparked a probe by his widow Yvonne, who was met by a wall of silence by Nasa.

More than a decade later the case is still shrouded in mystery.

But it is being thrown into the spotlight again next month with the sale at Folkestone-based Grand Auctions of several historic items linked to the expert.

Mr Harvey, who worked on the Nasa Moon probe, died on a platform near the top of a Titan rocket in Florida in 1997.

While this was put down to an accident, the events in the aftermath raised questions by his wife, who now lives in Kent, which even now remain unanswered and have sparked claims of a cover-up by authorities at Nasa.

Jonathan Riley, from Grand Auctions, explained that how the 60-year-old died has been shrouded in secrecy.

On September 19 the auction house is set to unveil a number of items including an American flag flown for the launch of the shuttle Columbia – an historic item given to Mr Harvey's wife following his death – and a signed photograph by Charles 'Pete' Conrad, the third man to walk on the Moon, which was given to Mr Harvey.

Mr Riley called the case a "shocking tale".

He said Mr Harvey, who was known as Bob, had arrived for work at 3pm on June 2, 1997, to make last-minute adjustments to the fuelling system of a rocket.

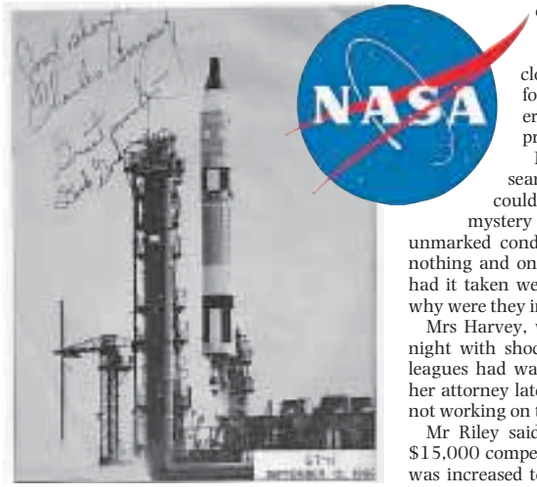
Despite Florida law stating he was not allowed to go up on top of the platform alone, his colleague refused to go with him, insisting he needed to complete paperwork.

"No amount of persuasion that the job should come first and the paperwork afterwards could influence him to join Bob," said Mr Riley.

"Bob had to lift a bottle of nitrogen weighing some 178 pounds in slippery conditions onto a trolley – it rained very heavily every day at about 3pm at Cape Canaveral. That is the last definite information about the fate of Bob Harvey."

At 5.15pm he was found lying on his back with a gash in his head and despite attempts to resuscitate him, he was pronounced dead.

His wife arrived at hospital to be told he had died. After recovering a little from the trauma



she started asking questions, said Mr Riley, only to be met by a wall of silence.

A number of factors surrounding his death, she claimed, didn't add up.

Some two weeks after he died, the death certificate arrived stating he had died of natural causes as an inpatient, despite the ambulance crew confirming his death to Mrs Harvey.

Before the funeral, all his clothes were also returned, except for his shoes, which were recovered weeks later in an unusually pristine condition.

Mr Riley, who has been researching the case, said: "The shoes could have been a key element in the mystery of what had happened, alas the unmarked condition of the shoes could solve nothing and only create more suspicion. Why had it taken weeks to return Bob's shoes, and why were they in such pristine condition?"

Mrs Harvey, whose hair turned white overnight with shock, claimed her husband's colleagues had warned of "something fishy" and her attorney later found security cameras were not working on the day in question.

Mr Riley said: "Eventually she was offered $15,000 compensation, a derisory sum, which was increased to $50,000. She was unable to cash in his life policy, which covered accidental death. This is a shocking tale of either incompetence or a cover up to avoid the large sums in compensation for negligence."

Mr Harvey was given a 'brick' in the Spacewalk of Honour.

The auction takes place on Wednesday, September 19.

TRAGIC DEATH: Items belonging to Robert Harvey, who died while working at Nasa, are to be auctioned off. They include a photograph signed by the astronaut Charles 'Pete' Conrad

CRIME

Teen driver charged following road death

A TEENAGE motorist has been charged with causing the death of a 19-year-old in Broadstairs in Thanet.

Ashley Taylor, 19, of Reculver Avenue, Broadstairs, has been charged with causing death by driving without due care and attention or reasonable consideration whilst unfit through alcohol.

He will appear before magistrates in Margate on August 9.

The charge follows a collision on February 11 in Stone Road when Benjamin Maitland, 19, died following the incident.

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HEALTH

Birth of plastic surgery revealed in war records of pioneering medic

WOUNDED: From 1917, Lt William M Spreckley went through more than three years of treatment after being shot in the face

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WOUNDED British soldiers returning from Afghanistan and Iraq have benefited from skills pioneered by a surgeon at a Kent hospital during World War One.

And now records of those historic procedures have been made public for the first time.

It traces the incredible work of revolutionary plastic surgeon Dr Harold Gillies, and many of the details are now available online at findmypast.co.uk.

The archive marks the 130th birth year of the surgeon and 95th anniversary of the opening of the Queen's Hospital in Sidcup, where plastic surgery began.

Dr Gillies is renowned for developing the first skin grafting and plastic surgery techniques to treat the appalling injuries suffered by World War One soldiers.

Many were left with severe facial disfigurements, but thanks to the more than 11,000 operations performed between 1917-25, these were lessened to some degree.

The doctor's ceaseless groundbreaking work earned him a knighthood in 1930.

The records are an index of the 2,328 soldiers treated at the Queen's Hospital during this time, with information including names, regiments, ranks, the injuries they sustained, plus the dates they joined the Army, arrived overseas, were wounded and then admitted and discharged from hospital.

Debra Chatfield is the family historian at the website. She said: "The medical world owes a great deal to Dr Gillies, as do those who were treated by him in the early 20th century and anyone who has ever received plastic surgery treatment since.

"Without his pioneering developments in this field, plastic surgery might not be as advanced as it is today. These records are an important source of information for historians, the medical world and those interested in learning about the reality and aftermath of World War One."

One marked example is that of William M Spreckley, a lieutenant from the Sherwood Foresters Service in the British contingent, 16th battalion. He became Gillies' 132nd patient after being shot in the face.

The 33-year-old was admitted to the hospital in January, 1917, and eventually discharged more than three years later.

Dr Sam Alberti, director of museums and archives at the Royal College of Surgeons, said: "Dr Harold Gillies was a founding figure in the history of plastic surgery, developing innovative procedures to help reconstruct the faces of badly injured soldiers and airmen, whose facial injuries were caused by bullet wounds and flying shrapnel and needed extensive bone, muscle and skin grafting to restore their appearance.

"Most notably, Gillies introduced the tubed pedicle which used the patients' own tissue to aid reconstructive surgery and reduce the chance of rejection."

CRIME

Benefits cheat is tagged

A WOMAN has been tagged for six months after being convicted of fraudulently claiming more than £40,000 in benefits from two councils over 14 years.

Catherine Lee, 62, of The Limes, Ashford, defrauded both Ashford and Dover councils while claiming housing and council tax benefit.

She admitted at crown court to 13 charges of making a false statement with regards to not declaring a joint account with her husband from which she had access to his income while claiming the benefits.

Lee was sentenced at Maidstone Crown Court to six months imprisonment suspended for 18 months. She will also be electronically tagged and have a curfew between 7pm-6am for six months.

Judge Carey said: "This was a deliberate, knowing fraud to which she pleaded guilty to, not an oversight as she said to probation.

"I am not going to send this lady to prison, not out of sympathy but this is because it is not in the public interest and this is better served by repaying the monies.

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News

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

KCC 'sorry' after watchdog rulings on two complaints

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KENT County Council has apologised after a double lashing from the local government watchdog.

The ombudsman severely criticised KCC over its treatment of a disabled girl, and also of an elderly woman who needed a residential care payment.

In the first report the ombudsman highlighted County Hall's failure to help a young woman with learning disabilities. College student Miss B did not receive the required services for a year.

Local Government Ombudsman Anne Seex said KCC's "poor communication led to uncertainty, confusion and frustration for the young woman and her family, and she was denied a direct payment and the choice to arrange her own respite care".

The ombudsman found maladministration by the council in not assessing Miss B until four months after she was 18, 10 months late; not producing a support plan for another four months; not including Miss B's assessed needs that were eligible for services in the plan; poor communication with Miss B and her family; not offering Miss B's mother a carer's assessment; not offering Miss B direct payments to arrange her own care, and finally restricting respite care for Miss B to its own residential care homes.

The second case involved an elderly woman released from hospital who was entitled to short-term residential care close to her daughter. The daughter had found a placement, but KCC refused to pay for it so the daughter paid and then started the complaint.

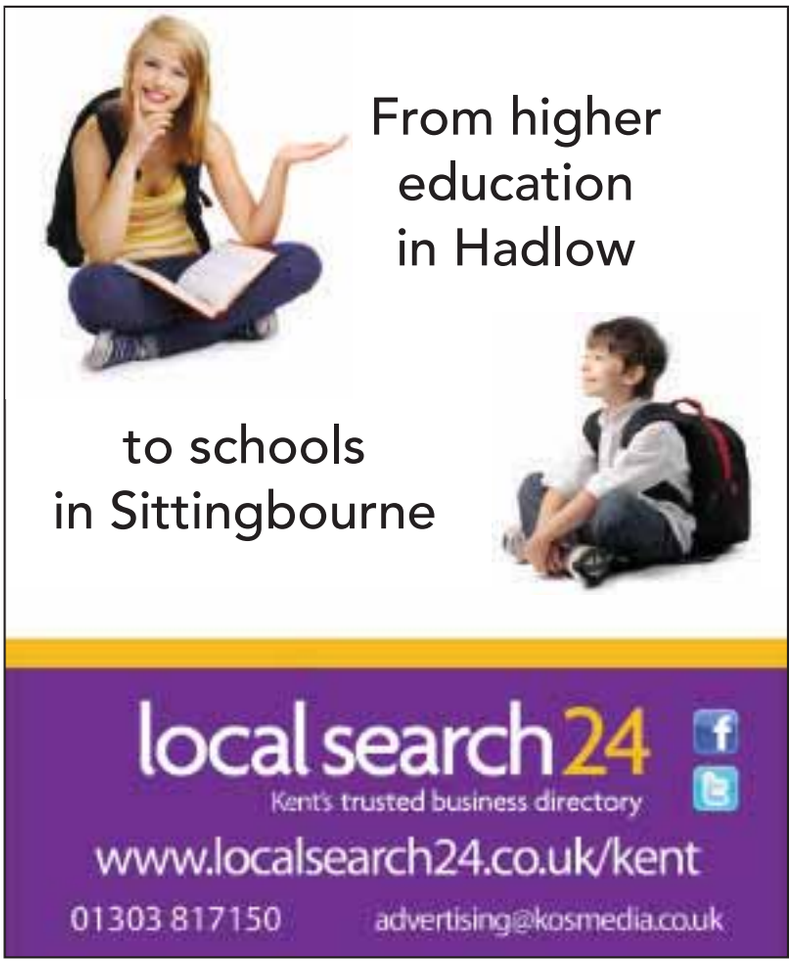
Ms Seex said: "Internal guidance said staff could only use the council's own homes, places it had 'pre-purchased', or community hospitals. The requirement to offer service users a genuine choice of placement when they are assessed as needing residential care is enshrined in law. Guidance did not adhere to these principles."

The ombudsman found the instructions from senior managers were contrary to the 1992 Choice of Accommodation Directions, which state a person can choose a permanent or temporary residential care home, if certain conditions are met, as in this case.

She found maladministration by the council for refusing to fund the first four weeks in the home; issuing instructions contrary to Government directions; not realising the instructions were wrong after the complaint; and not correcting them.

Cllr Graham Gibbens, KCC cabinet member for adult social care and public health, said: "It is important we take responsibility for the things we got wrong in each case. We have apologised wholeheartedly and taken lessons from both cases.

"We will continue to look at ways to improve what we do, while at the same time being responsible with the lives of those who use services – and with public money."



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News

HIGHWAYS

Traffic accidents halved at town centre 'shared space'

By Dean Kilpatrick
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A CONTROVERSIAL town centre 'shared space' scheme has seen the number of traffic accidents fall in the last year.

Figures produced for Ashford Borough Council's overview and scrutiny committee show a 50 per cent decrease in personal injury crashes compared to last year.

Only one incident involved pedestrians, and two cyclists were caught up in accidents over the last year.

The 2008 scheme turned Ashford's ring road into streets where drivers and pedestrians have equal priority.

Signs and traffic lights were removed so pedestrians and drivers interacted and negotiated for space and right of way.

SHARED SPACE: No markings on road

Kent County Council planning development manager Bob White revealed the figures in his report.

He wrote: "Safety on the ring road has improved significantly as a result of making it two-way and introducing the shared space.

"The one recorded pedestrian incident in the shared space occurred in Bank Street and was not related to the street design."

The £15 million system was implemented to lower casualties on the road and to improve safety – but it hasn't been without its critics.

A study conducted by the University of the West of England said some of the safety claims made in support of shared space were "exaggerated", and that pedestrians actually chose to avoid crossing the road.

And in Canterbury, councillors have voted to keep Westgate Towers closed – despite being inundated with hundreds of letters of complaint from the public.

The traffic management scheme was put in place on March 27 to stop lorries and buses damaging the historic archway and to improve air quality in the area.

It was set to last 12 months while assessments were made on its impact, but traffic chaos led to around 4,000 people signing a petition calling for a public debate on the issue. The executive at Canterbury City Council discussed the concerns and unanimously voted to keep the scheme in place for the full year.

Steve Coombs from campaign group Get Canterbury Moving said they were disappointed with the move and planned to take further action.

He said: "They [the council] are determined to make this stick for as long as possible."

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From April next year, the Local Involvement Networks, also known as LINks, will be replaced by Local Healthwatch organisations.

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DEFENDING THE FAITH: A re-enactment of Prince Louis' attack on Dover Castle took place last week

French ambition dashed on Dover Castle walls

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IN the year 1216, just after tyrannical King John signed the Magna Carta, the future of England rested in the balance.

Many of the barons who had forced the King to sign the famous document giving his subjects greater rights were furious the ruler had chosen to immediately disregard his promises.

And with no other claimant to the throne they turned their eyes across the English Channel, where Prince Louis of France had successfully taken many of John's former possessions on the Continent.

And they invited the Frenchman over – pledging their support for his bid to seize the crown.

As the nearest sea crossing point to France, the castle at Dover has been a site of strategic military importance since Roman times.

Matthew Paris, the medieval chronicler, supported this assertion when he referred to Dover as 'Clavis Angliae' – the key of England.

Part of the castle's colourful history was bought to life at the weekend when the French assault on the stone walls was recreated – with the same result, a victory for its defenders.

Prince Louis landed in England on May 21, 1216, forcing King John to flee north with his army while the French prince marched to Canterbury, where he was welcomed by the citizens who threw open the gates of the city to him.

Following this easy success, the city of Rochester was quickly taken and, after a short siege so was the nearby castle, enabling Louis's army to control the river crossing and the road to London.

But as prospects looked bleaker for John as the French army swarmed into London and secured the city, one fortress remained loyal.

Louis – who had by now taken control of southern England and had victory and the throne in sight – was forced to turn his attention towards Dover.

With his army encamped in the town of Dover, Louis spent several days observing the castle and the surrounding area, so that by mid-July he was prepared to lay siege to the mighty fortress.

Leaving half of his army to protect the town, the 29-year-old prince set up an encampment directly in front of the castle. Siege engines were erected along with a siege tower and, by sending his fleet to sea, he cut off any possible route for supplies or reinforcements from land or sea.

Dover Castle, with its defences marshalled by a loyal supporter of King John named Hubert de Burgh, was now on its own and at the mercy of the French invaders.

Miners tunnelled under the timber barbican which was soon breached and captured. Moving on to the castle gates, undermining was once again employed and succeeded in bringing down one of the two massive stone towers.

Through the breach in the wall, the French army stormed the castle, but were held back by the its defenders who had managed to close the gap using timbers and cross-beams which had been stripped from the castle's interior.

Defending their positions staunchly, the garrison forced Louis to pull back his army, which was also suffering casualties from a guerilla army of archers recruited from the forests of the Weald of Kent and led by William of Cassingham.

With this heroic defence of the castle coupled with the fact the French siege artillery had failed to make any impression on the castle walls, Louis decided to negotiate a truce.

On October 14, 1216, the truce was agreed but four days later King John died, leaving his nine-year-old son Henry – later to become King Henry III – as his heir.

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News

SPORT

Racecourse will honour its bookings despite closure

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THE OWNERS of Folkestone Racecourse insist existing events due to be held at the sporting arena will go ahead, despite a temporary closure later in the year.

The racecourse, which is owned by Arena Leisure and Northern Racing, will close from December 18 due to a lack of progress in on-going development plans.

FUTURE: Folkestone Racecourse is set to be closed temporarily

Folkestone Racecourse has said it will continue to hold weddings and other events that were already arranged to take place at the venue prior to the closure decision.

Racecourse manager Emma Santer said: "Nothing has been affected. We haven't had to call anybody and cancel anything, which is the main thing. It's all very sad because we have been here a long time, but we have nine race meetings this year, so it's business as usual."

The racecourse hires nine permanent members of staff, and there are hopes they will be given positions in another arm of the company.

The owners also say they still have hopes for the site and aim to work with Shepway District Council to ensure a future for the racecourse.

Arena Leisure and Northern Racing managing director Tony Kelly said: "Folkestone suffered out-dated facilities and has been the subject of discussion between the previous management, Arena Leisure, and Shepway District Council.

"The proposal for the site incorporated significant residential development which would have enabled a new racecourse to be constructed with much enhanced amenities.

"However, these plans have been delayed following the recent examination in public of the local plan.

"Discussions will continue with Shepway District Council in the hope there will be approval of development plans which would secure the future of the racecourse. If they succeed, work could commence in 2013."

Businesses are concerned the closure could have an effect on the local economy, with the sporting arena capable of bringing thousands of people to the area on a big race day.

However, Shepway council leader Cllr Robert Bliss insists the authority will do everything it can. He said: "We have worked with the former owners, Arena Leisure, for many years and are confident that this good working relationship will continue with the new owners.

"We will do everything we can to secure the long-term future of the racecourse."

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OPINION

How we are cutting crime rates

Cllr Mike O'Brien looks at the action being taken to reduce crime and to protect our young people from being caught in the criminal justice system

IF YOU ask most people, wherever they live, what concerns them, I guarantee crime will feature high on their list.

Who doesn't want their family to be safe, and to live in an area with little anti-social behaviour, where our property is free from theft or damage?

In Medway, like in any urban area, these concerns crop up when I speak to residents.

But I think that through the hard work of the dedicated officers of Kent Police and agencies such as the probation service, the Youth Offending Team, Medway Council, the courts, and our health service colleagues, we are heading in the right direction.

At a recent council meeting, I was pleased to list the work done to reduce crime and re-offending in Medway. In the last financial year we have seen crime drop by 8.2 per cent compared to the previous year.

Violent crime has dropped by seven per cent, vehicle crime is down 22 per cent and criminal damage has seen a decrease of nearly 12 per cent. Theft and handling are also down, and recorded incidents of the most serious sexual offences have dropped by nearly six per cent, bucking a countywide rise.

We are not complacent, though, and indeed do have more work to do, but I am heartened that there were 1,517 fewer victims of crime in 2011-12 in Medway than in the previous 12 months.

That is because behind these figures is a story of strong partnership working between the public sector agencies listed above and others.

And this has also seen re-offending rates reduced to less than 10 per cent, bucking the Kent trend.

Youth re-offending rates are also down. One important contributing factor is that the number of young people entering the criminal justice system has dropped.

Last year, a pilot project called Triage started, which diverts young people, where appropriate, from court following arrest. Operated by the police and health service, this assesses young people in police custody and seeks alternative measures, such as intensive work with them and their family, or referring them to health agencies where needs, such as mental health issues or speech difficulties, are discovered.

Since the project fully started in September, only four young people diverted from the courts went on to offend. And, while a Medway-wide target was set that no more than 275 young people should enter the criminal justice system for the first time, only 116 did.

For those who did, though, the work did not stop there. And three out of four of those before our youth courts in 2011-12 didn't re-offend – a 15 per cent improvement on the previous year.

Who doesn't want their family to be safe?

This does not mean placing people in custody isn't an option. And young people who committed serious crimes were – with six per cent receiving a custodial sentence.

I would not try to pretend we are living in a crime-free utopia. Who does?

Despite what some might say, Medway's Community Safety Partnership has dedicated a great deal of time and resources to cutting crime and re-offending and this is helping ensure that, for the vast majority of our residents, the area remains a safe, clean and green place to work and live.

■ Cllr Mike O'Brien is chair of Medway Community Safety Partnership, and cabinet portfolio holder for community safety and customer contact at Medway Council.

KOS COMMENT

Cheer on our stars at greatest show on earth

ONE week down, and the Olympics have already proved to be a huge success – not least here in Kent.

With the county's stars already bagging two medals, the coming week could be even better with a number of our finest performing on the big stage.

The Olympic spirit has swept the country off its feet, and plenty of people have taken advantage of the greatest show on earth taking place just down the road.

That hasn't stopped the rest of us left behind enjoying every minute of the Games though.

The country has unified under the success of the likes of Bradley Wiggins, so let's see Kent get together and back our fine crop of athletes.

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We don't all watch the TV

AT the changeover to digital television, I took the decision not to change my television or buy a set top box – I chose not to watch television.

I applied to the TV licensing authority for a refund of the unused portion of my licence fee. I received a form requiring proof of either the date I left the house, ie a final utility bill, or the date of my death, ie a death certificate.

As I am still resident at the house and am still alive I could not provide the proof they require. They cannot accept that I just do not want to watch television.

Anthony Sansum, Dover

The ordinary should lead us

PAYING a cleaner in cash 'is morally wrong': Minister says families who settle bills cash-in-hand are as bad as tax avoiders.

We all know not paying VAT is wrong, but why is it Mr and Mrs Ordinary are always the ones being attacked by this and any government?

Someone who has some small jobs done in their house for say £1,000 then has to pay the Government a further £200 in VAT. Not that I am suggesting avoiding VAT because that is an evil thing to do and can see the collapse of the economy, blah, blah.

Yet the same Government is wasting millions, the Speaker of the House had a shower screen put in for £1,500, it was reported Nick Clegg spent a £1 million on advisors, what about the billions spent on foreign aid to countries like India who have their own space programme, what about MPs' corruption, greedy bankers who do not even get prosecuted. There is one rule for the rich and famous and one for us peasants.

Mr and Mrs Ordinary's saving of £200 will most probably go to buying something else, like food or paying the mortgage.

The Conservatives are returning to a pre-war party of millionaires and toffs, the problem is the alternative, Labour and Lib Dems are exactly the same.

Let's return to a grocer's daughter or a grammar school boy running the country, someone who understands Mr and Mrs Ordinary.

Martin Clarke, Sittingbourne

Watchers are highly political

IT was with great interest that I read your story of July 21 (French fuel fears of new immigration nightmare, etc), in which you refer to Migration Watch as 'a non-political think-tank which monitors migration into the UK'.

I am not quite sure on what understanding of 'political' your characterisation is based, but I think it would be more accurate to describe Migration Watch as a pressure group that has the aim of shaping public debate on immigration, which is, as your article makes clear, a political issue of considerable importance; Migration Watch is by any reasonable reckoning involved in political campaigning.

Moreover, it is somewhat of an understatement to say Migration Watch merely 'monitors' migration; rather, its raison d'être appears manifestly to be to express persistent concern that there is too much immigration, and to mobilise public and media opinion behind this wide-spread yet contentious view.

Perhaps what was meant in the article was that Migration Watch was a non-'party'-political organisation. Even then, all the individuals you subsequently quote who endorse the views expressed by Migration Watch's spokesman are Conservative MPs. There is undoubtedly a correlation between Migration Watch statements and backbench Tory opinion, even if there is no explicit link between pressure group and party.

Likewise, it is in national newspapers firmly to the right of the political spectrum (Mail, Telegraph, Express, Star) that Migration Watch press releases are most frequently and approvingly reproduced.

Any reasonable assessment of Migration Watch's position and activities would conclude that, far from being a 'non-political think-tank which monitors migration', it is a right-wing anti-immigration political lobby group whose ideological bedfellows are more likely to be found on the Conservative backbenches and in Ukip than elsewhere. It is disappointing that in the article you – either naively or disingenuously – reproduces Migration Watch's self-applied description uncritically.

WL Duffy, Whitstable

Tax air travel appropriately

THERE is increasing demand for air travel (Letters, July 22). However, the solution is not to build more runways or more airports, but to start taxing aviation fuel properly, so air travel pays for more of the damage that it causes.

Air travel is particularly bad for climate change, which is the major threat facing humanity. As well as carbon dioxide, aircraft engines emit nitrogen oxide and water vapour. Nitrogen oxide is a greenhouse gas, and water vapour leads to contrails and more cirrus clouds, both of which warm the Earth.

Estimates vary, but total global warming caused by air travel is probably at least twice as bad as burning the same amount of oil in other ways.

Richard Mountford, Hildenborough

Polygraph tests are a lie

RE: 'Compulsory lie detector tests for sex offenders', Letters, July 29.

Presumably this is about using basic medical knowledge which tells how potential danger or excitement of any kind is picked up by the body's central nervous control system. Adrenalin is pumped through the body to power it into action if needed. It is what's called fight or flight, that is, stay and face the consequences, or run.

Adrenalin can increase the heart rate dramatically. Any changes would show on a polygraph. It doesn't mean a person is not telling the truth. The body's autonomic system is out of their control. A person doesn't have to be guilty of any wrong doing, but could still shows signs of distress or sweating, racing pulse or other conditions which are inter-linked and register incriminating results on a polygraph.

Unless a person is taking beta blocker drugs or other prescribed medication to suppress a heart condition, in my opinion, there is no way to stop triggering adverse results on a polygraph. To use evidence from polygraphs, is in my opinion, a distortion and gross misuse of medical facts, and a miscarriage of justice.

Roger Arnold, Herne Bay

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Eurotunnel's 'satisfactory' first half despite drop in share price

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SHARES in Groupe Eurotunnel fell almost 6 per cent after the operator of the Channel Tunnel revealed that its half-year operating profits had slumped despite an impressive increase in revenues.

Analysts blamed cost management at Europorte, the company's rail freight and infrastructure subsidiary, which accounted for two-thirds of a €45 million rise in group operating costs.

First half-yearly profits were also lower than expected.

But Jacques Gounon, chairman and chief executive, dismissed concerns over the figures, saying that he expected the Europorte division to break even early next year, especially as the company expected a surge in business during the Olympics.

However, it is too early to say whether this will take effect.

M Gounon said the spending, which included money on new staff and training, was necessary for expansion; there has been a 36 per cent rise in revenue in the six months to the end of June.

POSITIVE: The Olympics is one of several factors that could give Eurotunnel a boost

Group sales rose 14 per cent at constant currencies to €473m, while operating profits were €129m, compared with €144m last year.

"The full effect of the Olympics in July, the post-Olympic effect and the fact that our second half is always better than our first gives us great confidence," said an upbeat M Gounon.

The jubilee celebrations in early June helped create a record-breaking day for travel from the UK to continental Europe. In total, 10,000 passenger vehicles left by shuttle on the Friday ahead of the celebrations, travelling from Folkestone to Coquelles. This represented a record figure for any 24-hour period.

In addition, during the three days of the jubilee celebrations, 26,000 passenger vehicles travelled between Kent and France.

Eurotunnel is adding an extra half-shuttle to cope with demand throughout the Olympics and has increased the speed of shuttle trains from 140kph to 160kph – the speed they are due to run at in 2015, when Deutsche Bahn is set to add services on the cross-Channel link.

The operator of the Channel Tunnel and Le Shuttle car and coach train has already seen a "pre-Olympic" rise in traffic. Revenues rose 14 per cent to €473m in the six months to June, although net profit was steady at €5m.

Eurotunnel has also "intensified" the timetable in the early mornings to make sure spectators arrive in the capital in time for morning sessions.

In the first six months this year, truck shuttles rose the most, up 20 per cent. Car traffic rose 4 per cent, coaches 6 per cent and Eurostar passenger numbers 3 per cent.

M Gounon concluded: "This first half-year has been very satisfactory."

TRANSFER

Children's Mutual in Forester Life talks

THE Children's Mutual, formerly known as Tunbridge Wells Equitable Friendly Society, is eyeing a possible transfer into Forester Life.

The company hopes to be ready to notify members of any decision by the end of the year.

Graeme McAusland, chief executive of The Children's Mutual, said: "We always look to act in our members' and customers' interests and are pursuing this aim during the negotiations.

"At this early stage, we have signed Heads of Agreement and have entered into a period of exclusive negotiations with Forester Life. Following a period of due diligence, we hope to be in a position to write to members about the proposed transfer before the end of the year.

"All eligible members will be invited to vote on the proposal at a special general meeting and we will also need to gain regulatory approval from the Financial Services Authority."

Euan Allison, UK group managing director of Forester Life, said: "We believe this potential transfer would be beneficial to both members of The Children's Mutual and our own members.

"We anticipate being able to provide better value for policy-holders primarily through cost savings. It also offers the potential for all members to be a part of a larger mutual organisation, supported by our parent organisation in Canada.

"Through the due diligence period we will work alongside The Children's Mutual to come to the best solution for all members."

ELECTRICITY

Infrastructure upgrade to keep the lights turned on

UK Power Networks is upgrading its electricity infrastructure to the tune of £2.6 million to keep the lights on in Dover.

New equipment, called switchgear, has been installed in a switch-house at its substation in the town.

A team of about a dozen experts are working to transfer all the electrical systems and circuits and all the new equipment is due to be live by September.

The site receives electricity via overhead power lines and underground cables at 33,000 volts and converts it to 11,000 volts. At this lower voltage, electricity is delivered across the area through a vast network of underground cables, bringing power to customers' doorsteps.

Project manager Simon Collingwood said: "The equipment we are replacing has served Dover well, but we are constantly investing to renew our equipment for the benefit of customers. This investment is to help ensure we maintain safe, secure electricity supplies, reducing the likelihood and duration of power interruptions.

"Once all the new equipment is up and running, it will be an essential part of the infrastructure that enables people across a wide area to go about their daily lives."

The work is part of a UK Power Networks £360m investment this year in its networks in the South East, London and East of England.

PRODUCTION

Contract encourages ecoegg producer back to his roots

A KENT entrepreneur has chosen his home county as the global production base for his innovative new laundry product after winning a contract to stock Lakeland stores nationwide.

Rob Knight, from Orpington, has set up the headquarters for his expanding business, ecoegg limited, in Maidstone.

The firm now employs six and the decision to house the final stage of production at a warehouse in the county will add a further eight jobs.

The ecoegg replaces washing powder and is placed in the drum of the machine to wash clothes. The egg-shaped device is filled with pellets made from minerals proven to remove dirt and grime.

Almost 100,000 ecoeggs have been sold since they were launched on the QVC shopping channel in 2010.

Knight and business partner Dawn White, both pictured, spent four years designing, testing and creating the egg. Originally it was manufactured

in China, but Knight wanted to invest in his community and chose a warehouse in Kent to pack the products, which are now manufactured in the UK.

"I always planned to bring manufacturing to the UK, and after winning the contract to be the only product of its kind stocked in Lakeland, we've decided to do just that," he said. "We have researched the best manufacturers for the various elements of the product, and the final stage of production takes place here."

Each ecoegg costs £19.99, lasts for three years or 720 washes and works out as less than three pence per wash, compared with 25p for washing powders.

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County investment agency looks back over 15 years

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INVESTMENT promotion agency Locate in Kent says it has helped companies expand or move into the county 783 times during its first 15 years – a rate of one new investment a week.

Locate in Kent figures show the biggest number of successes came in the business-services sector (106), followed closely by ICT (98) and manufacturing (81).

The majority of Kent newcomers arrived from elsewhere in the UK; however, the county also welcomed more than 200 businesses from overseas.

More than 60 companies came from the United States, 35 from France and 22 from Germany. There were also moves from Taiwan, Korea, Argentina and Israel.

Among the French arrivals was SBE, which enlisted the help of Locate in Kent in 1996. The telecoms company opened its first overseas subsidiary in Ashford later that year, employing just five members of staff. The firm expanded on to Beaver Business Park in 2001 and now employs almost 1,000 workers on site.

The diagnostics arm of American firm Abbott Laboratories has also enjoyed rapid growth since arriving in Dartford in 2003, and now employs more than 400 senior scientists.

Locate in Kent also provided support for Japanese giants including Hochiki, Fujitec, Fujiseal and Hitachi to come to or expand in Kent.

In terms of jobs, Locate in Kent has helped create or retain more than 50,000 positions in the past 15 years, it says.

By sector, financial services led the way with 9,780 jobs, ahead of ICT (5,791) and business services (4,774). In the last financial year, 2011-12, a total of 3,243 positions were created or retained in the county by companies assisted – a three-year high.

Paul Wookey, chief executive at Locate in Kent, said: "Our 15th anniversary gives us the opportunity to look back on and celebrate our successes and, perhaps more importantly, plan for the future.

"We are proud of our achievements, having welcomed more than 700 companies of all sectors and sizes from across the globe to Kent. Many of these companies have flourished thanks to the county's unique business and lifestyle benefits and have become major employers in the area.

"Our task now is to continue to deliver into the future, in spite of challenging economic conditions. It is our job to deliver flexible solutions to businesses looking to expand or relocate in Kent, providing and protecting more jobs in the county."

Mark Dance, county council cabinet member for regeneration and economic development, said: "Locate in Kent has provided a tremendous boost to the county over the past 15 years. By promoting the county as a unique business location and offering access to property searches and free, professional relocation services, it has made relocation and expansion here a compelling business choice – a step hundreds of firms have taken."

Your company missing those vital calls? Firm could have the answer

KENT Science Park-based business GoResponse continues to go from strength to strength.

Last year saw the market-leading telephone-answering service expand into new premises on the science park and grow the number of staff to more than 100.

So far, the first half of 2012 has seen it continue its investment in technology and infrastructure by launching a new website.

Offering much more flexibility than the previous site, GoResponse.co.uk is now split into two areas – one for smaller businesses and one for corporate clients.

The website overhaul is just one aspect of GoResponse's investment in technology. The firm has channelled more than £100,000 into its new offices, and part of this involved ensuring that every member of staff was set up with dual-screened computers, making it easier for operators to interact with both internal and external systems.

Mark Kirby, managing director of GoResponse, is pleased with the investment and potential for future expansion.

He said: "We have invested a lot of money into both our premises and our technology to ensure we always remain on the leading edge of what is out there. Our goal is to deliver unparalleled customer service, and ensuring that our operators have the best technological tools in place is a huge factor in doing this.

"We have also invested in a training room, used specifically to ensure all staff receive comprehensive guidance and coaching to get them to reach the high level of customer service we guarantee our clients.

"As we have the potential to expand our team by another 30 per cent, it is important that we have the facilities to bring all new starters up to speed efficiently."

James Speck is site director of Kent Science Park. He said: "GoResponse are one of Kent Science Park's, and also Swale's, true business success stories. They started with us on the park in 2003 with just four employees and now they have more than a hundred.

"They are a prime example of how KSP can work with businesses to help them grow and develop. Recently, we supported GoResponse with their move to new premises on site, and we will support their continued development."

To celebrate the launch of the new website, GoResponse is offering new customers the chance to trial its message-taking service for free. On average, businesses miss some 20 per cent of their calls, and each call could potentially be new business.

Kirby said: "No matter how big or how small a business is, existing customers will soon lose patience if their calls are not picked up and new prospects may not call back a second time. In fact, research suggests that prospective customers are hesitant to leave voicemails – and if you don't pick up, you can be sure your competitors will.

"The reason for the free trial is that we're confident any business who tries our message-taking service for a week will see the benefits straight away.

"And when we say free trial, it's just that. There are no hidden costs or obligations to continue. If at the end of the week you haven't seen any benefits to your organisation, then you can just walk away and it won't have cost you a penny."

SMILES: GoResponse management team. From left, Glen Blow, marketing director; Cathy Rivett, operations director; and Mark Kirby, managing director

VENUE

Support charity next time you all meet up

BUSINESSES can take inspiration from nature while supporting a community charity at a unique venue for meetings, exhibitions and conferences within easy reach of Ashford.

The Falcons Centre, part of the 100-acre Rare Breeds Centre in Woodchurch, gives companies a chance to get out of the office for some clear, uninterrupted strategic thinking.

Its beamed, barn-style room accommodates up to 200 conference delegates in theatre style or 150 seated for a meal. The centre offers flexible in-house catering from a simple finger buffet to a four-course silver-service dinner.

The Falcons Centre also has a private bar and a sun terrace area, while the adjoining Kestrel Room is suitable for break-out meetings or smaller events for up to 20 delegates.

APPOINTMENT

Dover Harbour Board has a new member

DOVER Harbour Board has been joined by Tim Waggott following the retirement of director Mike Krayenbrink.

Waggott, who joined in 2007, is director of business and support services, which is responsible for the finance team, infrastructure development and technical services, as well as the supervision of business management for property and estates, freight and cargo.

Bob Goldfield, chief executive, said: "Tim's appointment is well deserved as he has become a valued member of the organisation, using his expertise and vision to help guide the business towards a successful future."

Waggott said: "I am looking forward to supporting the Port of Dover business to realise its clear potential to grow, add value and further increase economic activity and employment opportunities."

Training, courses and careers

Aron wins Apprentice of the Year title to follow in his father's footsteps

A YOUNGSTER studying at North West Kent College has won the prestigious Apprentice of the Year competition.

The college said Aron Baker, 20, from Welling, has been an outstanding asset to its painting and decorating department and has won a collection of competitions and awards since starting his course three years ago.

Now Aron has claimed the title of Dulux Apprentice of the Year for 2012, which is a national competition. Before this Aron won the southern regional finals three years in a row.

He said: "I was over the moon when I found out that I had won the Apprentice of the year Award.

"My tutor Philip Jubb has been really encouraging and I'm still celebrating."

It was not just Aron who won in the competition, North West Kent College were presented with the award of Dulux Decorators' Centre of the Year 2012, which means it will be hosting the Dulux Apprentice of the Year competition for 2013.

In 2010 Aron won the Best in Kent award, where he competed against the five other Kent colleges. He has also won the Skillbuild southern regional competition this year and will go forward to the national finals at Preston College in September. As well as this, Aron won the Southern Region Johnstones Young Painter of the Year 2012 and will go on to the national final at the painting and decorating show at the Ricoh Arena Coventry Football Stadium, in November.

Aron is near the completion of his studies on the painting and decorating Level 3 Diploma and National Vocational Qualification (NVQ), from which he claimed the title of North West Kent College Painting and Decorating Student of the Year in 2010.

Philip Jubb, lecturer in painting and decorating at the college said: "I am so proud of what Aron has achieved.

"Winning the Dulux Apprentice of the Year 2012 was so special for us all, his dad was there to share the glory and a few tears were shed by grown men.

"He is an outstanding decorator and well-rounded young man. He is a credit to both his family and the college."

Aron has a deep-rooted interest in painting and decorating that stems from following in his father's footsteps.

The college said he has a real enthusiasm for producing high quality work and he now works for refurbishment firm, GB Farrar based in Hither Green.

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DECORATED: Hard-working Aron Baker, aged 20, has been named Apprentice of the Year

Science students told to make their mark on history

BUDDING scientists inspired by the discovery of the God particle have been challenged to make their own mark on history.

MidKent College offers a number of qualifications in applied science and is accepting applications from prospective students for courses starting in September.

The laboratories at the £86 million Medway campus run a range of courses including astronomy, industrial chemistry, forensics, genetics, and the foundation degree in life science laboratory technology and bio-manufacturing.

Lecturer David Gammon said: "Thanks to the interest surrounding the Large Hadron Collider and the popularity of people like Professor Brian Cox, science is as popular as it has ever been.

"MidKent College is the perfect place for students to take those first steps towards a great career in the science industry, and hopefully even more fantastic discoveries in the future."

Applications are now open for the Level 2 Diploma in Applied Science, which is equivalent to four GCSEs at grades A-C.

Students who complete the diploma often progress onto the Level 3 Extended Diploma, which is equivalent to three A-levels and is also now open for application.

"All our courses are very hands-on," said Mr Gammon. "Virtually every lesson has some sort of practical element to it, which makes it a lot different to school.

"We find that's the best way to help our students understand the theory behind the tests they are carrying out.

"Many of those enrolled on our science courses enjoyed the subject at school but perhaps didn't do as well as they had expected and lost confidence as a result.

"We help them rebuild that confidence so they can move onto greater things, which many of our students do."

Lawyers offered chance to keep up with legal changes

MEDWAY Council and Kent Law School at the University of Kent have joined forces to ensure lawyers and legal advisors are up to speed on new developments in the law.

The partnership will offer professional training and seminars to students at KLS, and the council's team of lawyers, all of whom require on-going professional training throughout their careers.

Medway Council was recently given a clean bill of health, after an inspection by the Office of the Surveillance Commissioner. One of the outcomes of the inspection was the need for officers who want to use covert techniques and the authorising officers to have regular training.

Medway Council's portfolio holder for community safety and customer contact Cllr Mike O'Brien said: "KLS are producing law graduates of the future and so it is important we should not miss the opportunity to build relationships with them and the magistrates' court.

"These seminars will bring together Medway and Kent colleagues to share best practice and the wealth of knowledge that is on our doorstep.

"Working with the university makes real sense, and also helps to keep training costs down, which is beneficial to everyone involved."

College's £2m for disabled students

BROMLEY College of Further and Higher Education has been awarded £2 million to build bespoke accommodation on its Bromley Campus that will provide high quality facilities, teaching and support for young people aged 16-25 with complex learning difficulties and disabilities.

The college says it already has a strong reputation for providing education and training for students with learning difficulties and disabilities and currently provides for more than 750 youngsters who have additional learning support.

With this new funding, Bromley College can now provide further education for the increasing number of 16-25 year old learners with more complex needs who otherwise have had to look outside the area.

Bromley College and the council say they are are both committed to developing the right facilities to meet the education gap in the borough and when money was made available through the Education Funding Agency, the college submitted a proposal in partnership with the local authority.

This successful bid will mean the college can build a range of new facilities which will include hospitality and catering, speech and therapy rooms, state-of-the-art ICT facilities, media and performance rooms, and all with ramp access.

Work will begin over the summer and will be completed by the end of March, 2013.

The principal of Bromley College, Sam Parrett, said "This is such a great success story for the borough and we are looking forward to getting on with the project which is a critical part of our community plan.

"We are confident that we will be able to provide young people and their families with high quality facilities, support, and education in their own community."

Bromley College merged with Orpington College a year ago and provides education and training in almost all vocational areas of learning, with courses ranging from entry level to higher education.

Schools & education

Olympic hero praises school pupils as they win medals for aspiration

ONE of the world's top sportswomen has congratulated Broadstairs students who have completed a programme aimed at helping them raise their aspirations.

Anna Hemmings MBE, is best known as Britain's most successful ever female canoeist, a two-time Olympian and six times World Champion.

She has also overcome health issues and battled back from chronic fatigue syndrome to rule the waves.

She was special guest at a presentation ceremony at the end of the Be The Best You Can initiative at The Charles Dickens School.

The programme enables every young person to achieve and succeed through raising aspirations and generating self-awareness and self-responsibility.

Students in Year 8 at the school took part in the programme which is enabled by a universities and schools partnership in Kent and Medway.

They received special medals to signify their achievements in Olympic year.

Headteacher Andrew Olsson said: "The programme is extremely positive and important. It helps develop life skills, citizenship qualities, responsibility, self confidence, and communication skills.

"Anna was the perfect person to present the awards. She is a great motivator and has inspired our students."

Cricket club bowled over by students who built new scoreboard

BRICKLAYING and carpentry students have built Canterbury Cricket Club its first-ever electronic scoreboard.

For 25 years the club had used wooden boards to keep track of games, but is now making use of the new 8ft tall device which can be seen all across the cricket club's Polo Farm ground.

It was designed and built by 30 site carpentry and bricklaying students from Canterbury College. The electronics were done by specialist company Durant Cricket.

The students began work on the scoreboard in January. College tutor and cricket club member Rob Bartlett challenged students to create the scoreboard, which counts as part of their coursework.

Club chairman Graeme Bennett said: "The players and spectators are very impressed because the students did a fantastic job.

"What they made was not only more affordable than what big-name manufacturers offer, but better suited to the club's needs because we were able to work closely with the college during the build. We'd like to have them make a second one in the future."

Construction tutor Rob Bartlett said: "I think they've done a fantastic job. It's especially impressive considering they had never built anything like this before. "

NOT OUT: Students with tutor Rob Bartlett (left) and cricket club chairman Graeme Bennett (right)

Youngsters asked for opinions on plans for university technical college

YOUNG people in Medway are being asked to help shape the future of education in Medway by taking part in an online survey.

The survey is aimed at pursuing the possibility of establishing a university technical college in Medway, by asking young people what they think about the idea.

The board behind the bid, run by the University of Greenwich, MidKent College and the council, hope the survey at www.medway.gov.uk/utc will get as much feedback about the proposal possible, to use should any future rounds of applications be announced.

An initial bid for a UTC specialising in engineering and construction was submitted to the Department for Education earlier this year, but did not get the go ahead.

Now, the board is continuing to look at options for establishing a technical school in Medway and is keen to hear what young people and their families have to say.

Offering a range of practical-based courses and qualifications including GCSEs, A levels, BTECs and NVQs, the UTC would offer hands-on training and academic study led by the University of Greenwich and local employers.

The idea has also won the support of the Royal School of Military Engineering and employers including BAE Systems, Delphi Diesel Systems, BAM Construct UK, and Land Securities.

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Provide help desk support, assisting with hardware & software problems inc carrying out technical duties to ensure smooth running of the school systems. Ideally 2 yrs previous experience in similar role, strong working knowledge of Microsoft based operating systems i.e. Windows 7 & Server 2008, some TCP/IP network experience and full driving licence.
37 Hours, Mon-Fri plus occasional Saturdays. Salary range £18,000 - £22,000 pa.
Interviews: W/C 28th Aug

Housekeeper - Part-time

To provide essential cleaning services in a Boarding House inc deep clean during holidays. Assist in the absence of the House Matron i.e. answer telephone, deal with parents & laundry. Applicants must be prepared to fully contribute to the general welfare of pupils and to work as part of a small team. Experience of working with children, a current first aid qualification would be an advantage.
30 Hours, Mornings Mon-Fri. Salary: £14644 pa (pro rata).
Interviews: W/C 28th Aug

Medical Centre Assistant - Part-time & Term Time Only

Act as contact point in the Medical Centre for telephone enquiries, coordinating appointments/transport and general domestic tasks, cleaning, supervision and escort pupils to appointments. Applicants must be prepared to fully contribute to the general welfare of pupils, be flexible & able to work as part of a small team. Experience of admin role, cleaning and use of Microsoft packages is essential. Experience of working with children, full clean driving licence & first aid qualification would be an advantage.
30 Hours, Mon-Fri, 0730-1330, term time only. Salary: £15000 pa (pro rata).
Interviews: W/C 28th Aug

Closing date for ALL posts: Midday Thursday 16th August.
Last applications will not be accepted

An application form & further details of all the posts can be located on the school's website www.doyrms.com, emailing reception@doyrms.com or 01304 245023. CV's will not be accepted.

The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Candidates must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post including checks with past employers and an Enhanced Disclosure via the Criminal Records Bureau.

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Medical Secretary - Full time (Margate)

Qualifications
Maths and English (GCSE or Equivalent)
Two years experience working in a medical environment
Audio Typing experience essential
(Previous applicants need not apply)

To discuss this opportunity or to arrange an informal visit please contact:
Paul Parish or Julie Pain 01843 234555 x 63316

Closing date for applications Friday 17th August 2012

For job description and application form please contact:
Jo Edwards
East Kent Medical Services Ltd
Spencer Private Hospital
Ramsgate Road, Margate
Kent CT9 4BG
Telephone: 01843 234556
Fax: 01843 296333
E-mail: jo.edwards@thespencerwing.com

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Senior Staff Nurse Pre-Assessment & Senior Staff Nurse Outpatients

(Primarily Margate but willing to travel to other sites)
Full-time positions
Qualifications
Registered Nurse 1st Level
Minimum 2 years post registration/equivalent experience
Evidence of continual professional development
Teaching and Assessing Course

Staff Nurses (Margate)

Full-time position
Qualifications
Registered Nurse 1st Level
Evidence of continual professional development

Staff Nurses (Ashford)

Full-time position
Qualifications
Registered Nurse 1st Level
Evidence of continual professional development

To discuss these opportunities or to arrange an informal visit please contact
Mary Guarnieri (Matron) or
Vicky Smith (Clinical Effectiveness Co-ordinator)
01843 234555 ext 63453

Closing date for all applications Friday 24 August

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OUTPATIENT MANAGER (Margate)

FULL TIME
Closing date for applications Friday 24 August

We are looking for an enthusiastic, highly motivated individual to manage and develop our outpatient services.

Educated to degree level and possessing qualifications in endoscopy, you will have good leadership and management skills and remain clinically hands-on.
As well as excellent clinical skills you will be expected to identify and implement new areas for growth of the business.

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THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Town and Country Planning Act
Notice of Applications

MA/12/0248/N - 33-34, CHURCH STREET, MAIDSTONE, ME14 1EN - Erection of 1(no) dwelling to be attached to 33 Church Street with associated works including existing garage to be removed. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/0507/S - ALLINGTON CASTLE, CASTLE ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 0LX - Refurbishment of six existing Medway River moorings involving replacement of old alloy poles with new and replacement of old wooden boardwalks with new timber/plastic/rubber. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0971/S - LADDS COURT BARN, CHART HILL ROAD, CHART SUTTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3EZ - Construction of new tractor garage and erection of a CCTV column and retrospective application for construction of a new access to agricultural site. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/1095/N - 68, BANK STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1SN - Change of use of upper floors to form 4 residential apartments. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/1106/N - FOLEY OAST, LOWER STREET, LEEDS, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1RR - Application for listed building consent to strip peg tiles and battens from existing roof and replace with a breather membrane, new battens and existing peg tiles. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/1191/N - BARN AT GREENWAY COURT FARM, GREENWAY COURT ROAD, HOLLINGBOURNE, KENT, ME17 1QD - Change of use and conversion of a barn to three no. live/work units with amenity space, parking, access and landscaping. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/1230/S - 2, HAMMONDS COTTAGE CHEVENEY FARM, VICARAGE ROAD, YALDING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 6DY - erection of a two storey side extension, insertion of dormer window to front, single storey rear extension and other alterations. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/1231/N - ARNOLD FARM, BACK STREET, LEEDS, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1TF - Removal of existing lean-to storage building and erection of a replacement general purpose agricultural storage building and covered access. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/1250/S - THE SOMERFIELD HOSPITAL, 63, LONDON ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 0DU - Proposed external plant compound to house electricity generator within weather proof metal container and timber fence enclosure. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/1260/S - THE MARTINS, 7, STREETFIELD, ULCOMBE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1DS - Extension to existing detached garage. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/1262/S - ELMSTONE FARM, ELMSTONE HOLE ROAD, GRAFTY GREEN, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2AJ - Conversion of outbuilding to music room, store and garaging (residential) with roof extension and new weatherboarding. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/1270/S - SPILLS HILL FARM, CHICKENDEN LANE, STAPLEHURST, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 0DP - Erection of a new livestock building. **Reason: 6**

MA/12/1293/S - MANOR FARM HOUSE, LADDINGFORD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 6BX - Change of use of redundant agricultural buildings to B1 use with parking (as previously approved under reference MA/09/0134). **Reason: 1**

MA/12/1350/N - ELMSTONE FARM, ELMSTONE HOLE ROAD, GRAFTY GREEN, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2AJ - An application for listed building consent for conversion of outbuilding to music room, store and garaging with roof extension and new weatherboarding. **Reason: 3**

Reasons for advertisement key:
1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
6 - Application is Major Development.

MAIDSTONE Borough Council

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **19th August 2012**, quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated**: 5th August 2012

Public Notice

5 August 2012

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL

Confirmation of Byelaw

Notice is hereby given that the Canterbury City Council intends after the expiry of the period mentioned below to apply to the Secretary of State for confirmation of byelaw made by the council in relation to the cycling on promenades in the Whitstable area.

Copies of the byelaw will be kept at the offices of the council at Military Road Canterbury, William Street Herne Bay and at the Library Oxford Street Whitstable and will be open to inspection without payment on any weekday during the usual office hours for one calendar month from and after the date of the first publication of this notice. Copies of the byelaw will also be supplied on receipt of an application accompanied by a fee of £5.70 for each copy.

Any objection to the application for the confirmation of the byelaw may be made by letter addressed to Mark Coram, Communities and Local Government Byelaws Section, 3/J5 Eland House, Bressenden Place, London SW1E 5DU or email **byelaws@communities.gsi.gov.uk** (no later than one week after the closing date for inspection) before the byelaw is confirmed.

Mark Ellender
Head of Legal and Democratic Services
Canterbury City Council
Military Road
Canterbury CT1 1YW

HIGHWAYS – in the city of CANTERBURY

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (CANTERBURY)(TRAFFIC REGULATION AND STREET PARKING PLACES)(AMENDMENT NO 1a) ORDER 2012

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order is to amend the Kent County Council (Canterbury) (Traffic Regulation and Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2011 by introducing new or varying existing parking and waiting restrictions on the following lengths of road in Canterbury:

St Martin's Road	Change single yellow line to parking bays outside 53 to 63
Russett Road	New yellow lines
Beaconsfield Road	Double yellow lines opposite Shaftesbury Road
Barton Mill Road	Double yellow lines in the entrance to the car park between Nos 40 and 44
Regent Street	Double yellow lines either side of the garage access road next to 140 Regent Street
Regent Street	Change double yellow lines at the northern end to single yellow lines
Millstrood Road	Extend double yellow lines to cover pram crossings near the junction with Gorrell Road
Essex Street	Change single yellow line to double yellow lines
Forge Lane	Double yellow lines on the south-western side

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (HERNE BAY)(TRAFFIC REGULATION AND STREET PARKING PLACES)(AMENDMENT NO 1a) ORDER 2012

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The effect of the Order is to amend the Kent County Council (Herne Bay) (Traffic Regulation and Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2011 by introducing new or varying existing parking and waiting restrictions on the following lengths of road in Herne Bay:

Gorse Lane and Hunters Forstal Road	Double yellow lines at the junction
Mortimer Street and North Street	Loading ban at the junction
Cross Street	Single yellow lines at the entrance to the allotments
Granville Drive	Single yellow lines on alternate sides of the road between Greenhill Road and Blean View Road

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (WHITSTABLE)(TRAFFIC REGULATION AND STREET PARKING PLACES)(AMENDMENT NO 1a) ORDER 2012

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The effect of the Order is to amend the Kent County Council (Whitstable) (Traffic Regulation and Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2011 by introducing new or varying existing parking and waiting restrictions on the following lengths of road in Whitstable:

Ellis Road and Northwood Road	Double yellow lines at the junction
Tankerton Road	Single yellow line on alternate sides of the road between Tankerton Circus and Tower Hill
Castle Road	Double yellow lines at the junction with Gann Road
Kingsdown Park, Northwood Road and Castle Road	Double yellow lines at the junctions

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (CANTERBURY RURAL PARISHES)(TRAFFIC REGULATION AND STREET PARKING PLACES)(AMENDMENT NO 1a) ORDER 2012

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The effect of the Order is to amend the Kent County Council (Canterbury Rural Parishes) (Traffic Regulation and Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2011 by introducing new or varying existing parking and waiting restrictions on the following lengths of road in rural parishes in the Canterbury District:

Mill Road, Sturry	Double yellow lines outside No 12 to 14
Tyler Hill Road, Blean	Disabled Parking Bay and a short length of double yellow lines outside the shops

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, CITY OF CANTERBURY)(PROHIBITION OF STOPPING ON FOOTWAY OR VERGE)(AMENDMENT NO 2a) ORDER 2012

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order is to amend the Kent County Council (Canterbury) (Various Roads, City of Canterbury) (Prohibition of Stopping on Footway or Verge) Order 2010 by introducing new or varying existing parking and waiting restrictions on the following lengths of road in Canterbury:

Palace Street, Canterbury	Palace Street and Turnagain Lane
Station Road, Herne Bay	between Spenser Road and the station

The orders were made on 3 August 2012 and come into force on 29 August 2012. Full details are contained in the Orders which, together with Statements of the council's reasons for making the Orders and copies of the orders amended by the Orders may be examined at the Canterbury City Council Offices, Military Road, Canterbury, CT1 1YW during normal office hours.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Orders or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within six weeks from the date on which the Orders were made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

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PLANNING

Planning applications

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL

Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995
Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990
Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

CA//12/00961/LB: Court Lodge Coach House and Stable, Church Lane, Nackington, Lower Hardres, CT4 7AE Internal and external alterations in connection with conversion of coach house to residential accommodation. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Thomas** Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA//12/01064/FUL: 55 Regent Street, Whitstable, CT5 1JF Removal of side door and reduction in side window size and insertion of French doors in rear of dwelling. **Applicant: Mrs Rossi** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//12/01140/FUL: Tile Lodge Farm, Hoath Road, Hoath, CT3 4JN Extension to agricultural building for use as grain and machinery store. (Revised scheme). **Applicant: PB Headley & Son** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//12/01182/FUL: The Haven, Out Elmstead Lane, Barham, CT4 6PG Replacement dwelling with detached garage and new vehicular access. **Applicant: Mr P Wiggins** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//12/01194/VAR: 23 Oaten Hill, Canterbury, CT1 3HY Retention of development without compliance with condition 10 (sustainable construction) of planning permission CA/10/01937/FUL. **Applicant: Cardy Construction Ltd** Reason: Setting listed building in conservation area.
CA//12/01198/FUL: The King's School Shop, 45-46 Palace Street, Canterbury, CT1 2DZ Change of use from retail (Use Class A1) to education facilities classrooms (Use Class D1). **Applicant: The King's School** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.
CA//12/01211/FUL: 1 Glemsford Cottages, London Road, Harbledown, CT2 9AW Single-storey extension to rear and dormer to front of dwelling. **Applicant: Mr Chidwick** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//12/01220/CAC: 32 High Street, Herne Bay, CT6 5LH Demolition of existing portal framed building. **Applicant: Mr R Hampshire** Reason: Demolition of unlisted building in conservation area.
CA//12/01221/FUL: 32 High Street, Herne Bay, CT6 5LH Demolition of existing portal framed building (Use Class A1/B2) and replacement with eight residential apartments with associated communal space. **Applicant: Mr R Hampshire** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//12/01226/ADV: 17B Burgate, Canterbury, CT1 2HG Replacement hanging sign, installation of two retractable awnings to front elevation and advert to side elevation. **Applicant: G and S Investments Ltd** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//12/01228/FUL: Lower Hardres Fruit Farm, Long Orchard, Hardres Court Road, Lower Hardres Retention of building as constructed, use as tea room (Class A3), provision of paved amenity area and extension of car park. **Applicant: Lower Hardres Fruit Farm** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//12/01234/FUL: 30 King Edward Street, Whitstable, CT5 1JU Replacement single-storey rear extension. **Applicant: Mr Small** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//12/01256/FUL: 63 London Road, Canterbury, CT2 8JZ Single-storey rear extension. **Applicant: Miss Y Dellaway** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//12/01259/FUL: 3 Link Road, Tyler Hill, Hackington, CT2 9ND Demolition of dwelling and erection of two detached dwellings and garages. **Applicant: Wilkinson Hughes Developments Limited** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//12/01260/CAC: 3 Link Road, Tyler Hill, Hackington, CT2 9ND Demolition of detached dwelling. **Applicant: Wilkinson Hughes Developments Limited** Reason: Demolition of unlisted building in conservation area.
CA//12/01282/FUL: 62 Hackington Road, Tyler Hill, Hackington, CT2 9NQ First-floor rear extension. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Daniels** Reason: Conservation area.
CA//12/01298/FUL: Stable Lodge, The Broadway, Petham, CT4 5RX Demolition of existing sheds and garage and construction of garage and garden building with office above. **Applicant: Ms Preston** Reason: Conservation area.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to **development.management@canterbury.gov.uk** to arrive on or before **Monday 27 August 2012.**

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: **www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc**

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration
Friday 3 August 2012

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

12/02093/HOUSE **Cattsford Dingleden, Benenden**
- Insertion of thermal insulation into roofs (LB)

12/02097/LBC **Cattsford Dingleden, Benenden**
- Listed building consent - Insertion of thermal insulation into roofs (LB)

12/02010/FUL **Sheerdrop Cottage Penshurst Road, Bidborough**
- Demolition of existing dwelling, garage and barn and erection of 3 bed three storey house and garage (LB)

12/02038/FUL **Linnets The Hill, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Demolition of house and replacement dwelling (CA) (LB)

12/01770/HOUSE **22A Court Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden**
- Change of use of the garage to a utility/store area, replacement of garage door with a window/wall and extension of the drive to form additional car parking hard standing (CA)

12/02033/FUL **Maypole Farm Maypole Lane, Goudhurst**
- Minor material amendment to TW/10/02948 Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling - changes proposed are to show corner balcony square in plan form and enclosed beneath (CA)

12/02053/FUL **Gore Court North Road, Goudhurst**
- Conversion of single dwelling into two dwellings (LB)

12/02072/FULMJ **Land West Of Kirkins Close Gibbet Lane, Horsmonden**
- Development of 15 no. Local Needs Affordable dwellings comprising 2 no. 1-bedroom flats, 2 no. 1-bedroom wheelchair bungalows, 6 no. 2- bedroom houses and 5 no. 3-bedroom houses, including hard and soft landscaping - variation of condition 28 - vehicle parking space (including garages and pergolas) shall be provided, surfaced and drained before any building is occupied (TW/10/02630 refers) (MAJOR)

12/02048/HOUSE **Pearsons Oast Pearsons Green Road, Paddock Wood**
- Removal of porch roof and construction of single-storey rear extension (LB)

12/02042/FUL **McColls 83 High Street, Pantiles & St Marks**
- Retrospective - Installation of an internally-illuminated automated teller machine (CA)

12/02082/LBC **17 - 19 Chapel Place Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks**
- Listed Building Consent: To retain external works in association with proposals under TW/12/01140/LBC and TW/12/01138/FUL. Works to include new signage and external lighting, installation of CCTV cameras and intruder alarm, works already started (LB)

12/02039/HOUSE **20 Lansdowne Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
- Demolition of existing rear conservatory and construction of single-storey rear extension; Conversion of existing garage to habitable room with new bay window to front (CA)

12/02073/FUL **9 Calverley Park Crescent Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
- Change of use to single residential dwelling (CA) (LB)

12/01674/HOUSE **17 Woodside Road Rusthall, Rusthall**
- Single storey rear extension (CA

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
Head of Planning Services
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS
Dated: 4 August 2012

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Swale BOROUGH COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested parties. The proposed developments relate to one or more of the following:

1. The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
2. The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or it's setting.
3. The application is for a Major Development.
4. The application would affect a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) applies.

REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 20 AUGUST 2012.

SW/12/0227 & SW/12/0228:
Planning permission for moving the swimming pool, constructing the greenhouse and poolhouse and workshop, construction of a porch, changes to roof access and lift enclosure and roof of garage, insertion of second floor window on east elevation; Listed Building consent for moving the swimming pool, constructing the greenhouse and poolhouse and workshop, construction of a porch, changes to roof access and lift enclosure, insertion of second floor window on east elevation, forming underfloor heating, installing a fire sprinkler system together with associated building works. - Dockyard House, The Residential Quarter, Sheerness Dockyard, SHEERNESS; **REASONS 1, 2 & 3**

SW/12/0381 & SW/12/0382:
Erection of a two storey and single storey rear extension, erection of a detached triple garage and use of agricultural land as garden and other ancillary works - Cheesemans House, LUDDENHAM; **REASON 2**

SW/12/0653:
Land raising and polytunnel construction for horticulture production - Wey Street Farm, HERNHILL; **REASON 3**

SW/12/0832:
Change of use of agricultural land to a mixed agricultural/equestrian use. Construction of stabling, tack room and fodder store. Construction of an all weather ménage - Land at Broomfield Barn, Uplees Road, OARE; **REASONS 3 & 4**

SW/12/0843:
Listed Building Consent for painted "Noon-mark" vertical sundial on the "south" face of Faversham Guildhall - white with black & gold borders and dial furniture. Metal "Nodus" on supporting "Gnomon" stalk, fixed to hearest window frame with small non-ferrous screws - The Guildhall, Market Place, FAVERSHAM; **REASONS 1 & 2**

SW/12/0949:
Erection of two storey side extension to enhance existing accommodation and provide accommodation within roof void - 5 Travers Gardens, BREDGAR; **REASONS 1 & 2**

SW/12/0951:
Erection of one 11kw wind turbine (measuring 18m to hub, 24.5m to tip, 13m diameter) on free-standing lattice mast; and concrete base measuring 5m x 5m - Norwood Farm, Landfill Site, Lower Road, MINSTER; **REASON 6**

Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

James Freeman
Head of Planning

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

KCC/SW/0222/2012 - Proposed development at Land at Kemsley Paper Mill, Kemsley, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 2TD.

D S Smith & EON Energy from Waste Ltd is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for the formation of an improved access road and associated development to serve Kemsley Sustainable Energy Plant.

You may view this application at Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT.

Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons and may include publishing on the Borough Council website.

Sharon Thompson
Head of Planning Applications Group
Kent County Council
Dated: 5th August

Kent County Council

Folkestone Hythe & Romney Marsh

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

Y12/0319/SH - 145 High Street Hythe Kent CT21 5JL - Installation of new shopfront (retrospective application).

Y12/0693/SH# - Hazeldene Cottage George Lane New Romney Kent TN28 8BS - Crown reduction of a Yew and an Ash tree, both situated within a conservation area.

Y12/0663/SH# - Romney Sands Holiday Village The Parade Greatstone Kent TN28 8RN - Section 73 application for the variation of condition 9 of planning permission Y03/1289/SH for the siting of 40 static holiday caravans following demolition of existing holiday chalets to allow extension of period caravans can be occupied by two months from between 1st March and 31st October (8 months) in any year to between 1st March and 3rd January (10 months) in any year.

Y12/0683/SH - Flat 1 12 Augusta Gardens Folkestone Kent CT20 2RR - Felling of a Larch tree situated within a conservation area.

Y12/0650/SH - 5 Trinity Crescent Folkestone Kent CT20 2ES - Change of use and conversion from hotel (Class C1) to 5 self contained flats including external alterations.

Y12/0698/SH - 201 Sandgate Road Folkestone Kent CT20 2HT - Felling of two Conifer trees situated within a conservation area.

Y12/0684/SH+ - Pavement Outside 6 Tower Gardens Hythe Kent - Felling of two Cherry trees situated within a conservation area followed by the planting of two replacement hawthorn trees.

Y12/0648/SH+ - Land Opposite The Field Rectory Lane Saltwood Kent - Crown reduction of two Sweet Chestnut trees (T1 & T2) and crown reduction and crown lift of a third Sweet Chestnut (T4) all subject of Tree Preservation Order No 9 of 2010.

Y12/0682/SH+ - Land Opposite The Field Rectory Lane Saltwood Kent - Felling of a self set Sweet Chestnut tree (T3) situated within a conservation area.

Y11/0159/SH+ - 5 Station Road & 2 Tanners Hill Hythe Kent CT21 5PN - Erection of two detached three storey dwellings with upper floor set within roof space, integral garages to each house and formation of new access to Tanners Hill, following demolition of existing dwelling at 5 Station Road.

Y12/0691/SH+ - 29 North Road Hythe Kent CT21 5DT - Felling of an Alder tree situated within a conservation area followed by the planting of a replacement tree.

Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or emailed to planning@shepway.gov.uk. Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public inspection.

Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

- The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney

\+ - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe

Applications can be viewed and comments made online at http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/.

The applications marked (*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

C Lewis, Head of Planning
Shepway District Council

Folkestone Hythe & Romney Marsh

THE DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY (DYMCHURCH VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK) ORDER 2012

Notice is hereby given that SHEPWAY DISTRICT COUNCIL propose the above Order under section 35 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, having obtained the consent of Dymchurch Parish Council and Kent County Council in accordance with Section 39(3) of the Act, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 of the Act -

The effect of the Order is:

- **To introduce charges to the village hall car park and permit Shepway District Council to provide enforcement**

Full details are contained in the draft Order which, together with a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined at the, District Council Offices, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, CT20 2QY, during normal office hours.

If you wish to object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds for your objection in writing to Shepway District Council (Parking Office), Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, CT20 2QY by 5pm on Monday 27th August 2012.

If you have any questions concerning the Order or require further information please contact Shepway District Council (Parking Office), Council Offices, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, CT20 2QY (01303 853240) during normal office hours.

A. Lague, Highways Engineer
On behalf of B. Porter, Head of Communities, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, CT20 2QY

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PREMISES/ GOODS LICENCES

Sale of Former Dunkirk Primary School, Dunkirk

Faversham, Kent ("the Property")

This is a notice made by The Kent County Council ("the Council") under S.3 of the Reverter of Sites Act 1987 ("The 1987 Act").

The Council is the freehold owner of the Property, which it intends to sell.

The Council owns the Property pursuant to:

i) a Conveyance dated 14th November 1887 made between **Henry Woollright** and The School Board for the Ville of Dunkirk; and

ii) a Deed of Grant dated 4 February 1845 made between **Baron Sondes** and the Incumbent and Churchwardens of Christ Church in the Ville of Dunkirk.

The Property is subject to rights of reverter, having been transferred to the Council's statutory predecessor for educational purposes under the School Sites Act 1841 ("the 1841 Act"). The Property therefore reverts to the original grantor's estate if it ceases to be used for the purposes for which it was transferred.

The Council closed the school operating on the Property on 31 March 2008.

Under the 1841 and 1987 Acts, the Council now holds the Property on a statutory trust for the successors in title to Henry Woollright and Baron Sondes.

Anyone considering themselves to be a beneficiary under the statutory trust affecting the Property should inform the Council of their claim by writing to:

Catherine Lloyd
Kent County Council Legal Services
Sessions House
Maidstone
Kent County Council ME14 1XQ

before midnight on Thursday 6th December 2012

The Council intends to make an application to the Charity Commission pursuant to S.2 of the 1987 Act to extinguish the rights of any beneficiaries (being the successors in title of Henry Woollright and Baron Sondes) under the statutory trust and establish a scheme to apply the monies for such charitable purposes as the Charity Commissioners specify.

WARNING
Any person considering themselves a beneficiary under the statutory trust affecting the Property and wishing to oppose the extinguishment of their rights should notify the trustees of their claim in the manner and time specified in this notice.

Kent County Council

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL EMERGENCY PLANNING UNIT
VOLUNTARY SECTOR SUPPORT IN A MAJOR EMERGENCY
INVITATION TO EXPRESS AN INTEREST IN SUPPORTING KENT'S MAJOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE

The voluntary sector has an important role to play in any major emergency response, in particular, those incidents that cause evacuation due to flooding or other natural hazards. Indeed, Kent's voluntary sector organisations have a wealth of diverse talent and capability that could provide significant assistance during an emergency to the people of Kent and the emergency services.

Kent County Council undertakes an important role in coordinating the work of the voluntary sector, supporting their work through the Kent Resilience Forum's (KRF) Kent Voluntary Sector Emergency Group (KVSEG). To ensure that all voluntary sector organisations are given an opportunity to participate, we are formally inviting all voluntary sector organisations to submit a formal Expression of Interest, with a view to establishing a list of formally recognised organisations who wish to offer their services in this manner.

All voluntary sector organisations will be asked to provide information about their organisations so that we may assess each group's capabilities, with a view to establishing a formal register of organisations who wish to be considered as members of the KVSEG and participate in a major emergency response.

If your organisation wishes to be considered for inclusion on this register, please email emergency.planning@kent.gov.uk requesting an Expression of Interest form. Alternatively, you may request a form by calling 01622 221200, or write to the following address:

KVSEG
c/o Emergency Planning
Kent County Council
Invicta House
Maidstone
Kent ME14 1XX.

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Report of Local Government Ombudsman

The Local Government Ombudsman has issued two reports following her investigation of complaints against Kent County Council. The first complaint was about the transition from children to adult social care services and the failure to provide the option of a Direct Payment. The second complaint was about not providing a service user with choice when they were placed into residential care.

The Ombudsman found in both cases that there had been maladministration on the part of the council, and this has caused injustice to the complainants. Kent County Council has agreed to take action in both cases which the Ombudsman regards as providing satisfactory remedy for each complaint.

Copies of the reports will be available for public inspection during normal office hours at Sessions House, County Hall, County Road, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ for three weeks starting on 6th August 2012. Anyone is entitled to take copies of the reports or extracts from them.

Because maladministration was found the council must now consider the reports.

Kent County Council

PUBLIC NOTICE
LICENSING ACT 2003

Application for the Grant of a New Premises Licence

I Sawan Bhandal hereby give notice that I have made an application to the Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ for the grant of a premises license in respect of the following licensable activities;

1. The sale of alcohol by retail for consumption off the premises

In respect of the premises situated at 6, Loose Road, Maidstone, Kent ME15 7TZ and to be known by the sign of Big Bens. The application can be viewed at the offices of the Licensing Authority, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ between 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m - Monday to Friday except public holidays) www.maidstone.gov.uk

Interested parties and responsible authorities may make representation concerning this application in writing to the above local authority and within 28 consecutive days of the submission of the application, that is no later that 28th August May 2012.

It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. Any person who makes a false statement is liable on summary conviction to a maximum fine of £5,000.

Stephen Thomas LAW solicitors, 8 Grassmere, Leybourne, West Malling, Kent. ME19 5QP Authorised Agents for and on behalf of the applicants.

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A SEXUAL ENTERTAINEMENT VENUE

ADDRESS OF PREMISES: PLAYERS, 7, New Street, Ashford, Kent TN24 8TN

TAKE NOTICE that I JAMES ELLIOTT PEMBLE of PLAYERS, 7, New Street, Ashford, Kent TN24 8TN hereby give notice that I have applied to the **Ashford Borough Council** under the provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 to use the premises referred to above as a sexual entertainment venue.

REPRESENTATIONS

Any person who wishes to make representations about the application shouldmake them in writing and send them to the Head of Environmental Services,Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent TN23 1PL. Representations must be received by 21st August 2012.

Date 27th July 2012

Licensing Act 2003

Notice of Application for Premises Licence

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I Mr Erdal Ucar have applied to London Borough of Islington for a Premises Licence in respect of the premises known as The Hill- Gallipoli, 101 Upper Street, London, N1 1QN as follows:

Late Night Refreshment:
From 23:00 to 00:30 Monday to Sunday

Supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises:
From 10:00 to 00:00 Monday to Sunday

Any person wishing to make representation in respect of the above activities may do so by writing to Licensing Service, Public Protection Division, Islington Council, 222 Upper Street, London, N1 1XR by 23 August 2012.

A copy of the application is kept by Licensing Service, Public Protection Division, Islington Council, 222 Upper Street, London, N1 1XR. The application can be viewed during normal office hours.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for making a false statement is a Level 5 fine on the standard scale.

Licensing Act 2003

Notice of application to vary a premises licence

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I Mr Mustafa Koc have applied to the London Borough of Hackney to vary a premises licence in respect of the premises known as Basak Supermarket, 70-74 Stoke Newington Road, London, N16 7XB to:

Supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises:
From 04:30 to 08:00 Monday to Sunday

Any person wishing to make representation in respect of the above activities may do so by writing to the Licensing Service, Hackney Service Centre, 1 Hillman Street, London, E8 1DY by 23 August 2012.

A copy of the application is kept by the Licensing Service, Hackney Service Centre, 1 Hillman Street, London, E8 1DY. The application can be viewed Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm, except bank holidays.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for making a false statement is a Level 5 fine on the standard scale.

Snodland Town Council
NOTICE UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 SECTION 123(2A)

AREA OF LAND AT

Notice is hereby given that Snodland Town Council intends to dispose (leasehold disposal) of an area of land to Snodland Football Club - for the location of a Home Football Ground and Club House at Potyns Sports Ground (as identified on the plans which are available for inspection at Snodland Town Council offices at the address below) which consists of an open space.
Objections to the intended disposal of land must be made in writing and addressed to:
The Chairman
Snodland Town Council
Devonshire Rooms
Waghorn Road
Snodland ME6 5QR
By no later than 16 August 2012
Dated the 5 August 2012
Anne Moloney (Chairman)

LICENSING ACT 2003
Application for Amendment to Existing Premises Licence

Notice is hereby given that Speldhurst Village Hall, St. Marys Lane, Speldhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN3 0PR has applied to the Licensing Partnership, Sevenoaks, Kent for an amendment of the Existing Premises Licence.

The existing licence covers: dancing and the performance of dance, the exhibition of films, making music and the performance of live music, the performance of recorded music and the performance of plays. The current licence is between 10.00 am to midnight Monday to Saturday inclusive. The amendment is for the above to be licenced on Sundays between 10.00am and 11.00pm.

Any person wishing to submit representations in respect of the above application may do so in writing to the Licensing Partnership, PO Box 182, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1GP by Friday 31st August 2012.

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VARIOUS ROADS, KENT (RESURFACING) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow a programme of carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out, Kent County Council intends to make an Order to restrict traffic on various roads in Kent, as shown below.

The Order will become effective on or after 20th August 2012 for up to 3 months, or until the works have been completed.

The planned dates and times for each road closure or restriction are shown below, in a Schedule listed in alphabetical order of District.

Planned dates will be indicated by signage displayed on site 14 days in advance. Road closures and other restrictions will be in effect when the appropriate signage and barriers are in place.

Every effort will be made to keep to the schedule shown below. Some minor modifications may be made to dates and duration of works, to be advised once known.

Adverse weather conditions may prevent some works being carried out on the planned dates.

Roads that are missed will be re-scheduled, as advised locally and signposted on site.

ASHFORD

A28 CHART ROAD, ASHFORD - closed between Brookfield Road roundabout and Loudon Way

22 - 24 October 2012 - 8.00 pm until 5.00 am

Alternative route via A28 Chart Road, Templer Way, Drovers Roundabout, A292 Maidstone Road, (also Chart Road in reverse), New Street, Forge Lane, West Street, Godinton Road, Elwick Road, A2042 Beaver Road, Victoria Road, Leacon Road and Brookfield Road.

A20 HYTHE ROAD ASHFORD - due to overnight resurfacing works on Hythe Road between **24 and 28 October 2012** (excluding Saturday) the following will apply

The approach road to Tesco, Willesborough will be closed overnight on Sunday 28 October between 7.30 pm until 5.00 am

The Street, Willesborough - the One-way Traffic Order will be suspended between the junctions with Hinxhill Road and A20 Hythe Road, when indicated on site.

Alternative route via A2070 Kennington Road, Willesborough Interchange and A20 Hythe Road.

The works themselves are between Junction 10 Willesborough Interchange and Summer Hill

CANTERBURY

A257 LITTLEBOURNE ROAD, CANTERBURY - closed between the junction with Warwick Road and the St Martin's Hospital Entrance

28 August 2012 - overnight between 8.00 pm until 2.00 am

Alternative route via A257 Littlebourne Road, Canterbury Road, The Hill, High Street, Canterbury Road, B2046 Adisham Road, Old Dover Road, A2 Dover Road, A2050 New Dover Road, A257 Lower Chantry Lane, Longport and St. Martin's Hill.

'PRIEST AND SOW CORNER' TANKERTON, WHITSTABLE

Bennells Avenue, Herne Bay Road, St Swithin's Road and Tankerton Road - The 4 roads making up the one-way system will be closed in 2 phases, between **17 - 22 October 2012** (excluding the weekend)

When Herne Bay Road and Bennells Avenue are closed, the alternative route is via Tankerton Road and St. Swithin's Road

When St Swithin's Road and Tankerton Road are closed, the alternative route is via Herne Bay Road and Bennells Avenue.

Side roads will be closed at their junctions with the above roads at certain stages, with local diversions in place.

DARTFORD

A206 BOB DUNN WAY, DARTFORD - closed between Joyce Green Roundabout and Marsh Street Roundabout

6 - 25 September 2012 (excluding weekends) - 7.00 pm until 6.00 am

Alternative route via A2026 Burnham Road, Victoria road, Hythe Street, Home Gardens, Overy Liberty, East Hill, A226 The Brent, A226 London Road and A206 Crossways Boulevard.

B260 GREEN STREET GREEN ROAD / MAIN ROAD, LONGFIELD - closed between Canada Farm Road and Station Road

10 - 13 September 2012 - 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

Alternative route via B255 Whitehill Road, Westwood Road, B262 Station Road, A2 Watling Street, A296 Princes Road, B260 Green Street Green Road, Trolling Down Hill and Green Street Green Road

HEATH LANE UPPER & HEATH LANE LOWER, DARTFORD closed at their junctions with **B2174 Princes Road** - to allow contra-flow traffic on Princes Road.

12 - 17 September 2012 (excluding the weekend) - 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

Alternative routes

Upper Closure: Heath Lane Upper, Highfield Road South and B2174 Princes Road.

Lower Closure: Heath Lane Lower, Oakfield Lane, A2018 Old Bexley Lane and B2174 Princes Road

DOVER

A256 WHITFIELD / EASTRY BYPASS, EASTRY, DOVER

The Roundabout at the junction with Dover Road, Eastry and Cater Road will be closed in 2 phases.

24 August and 28 - 30 August 2012 - 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

Alternative route via A256 Eastry Bypass, Sandwich Road, A258 Deal Road, Sandwich Road, London Road, Queen Street, Broad Street, Beach Street, Deal Castle Road, (Victoria Road and Ranelagh Road in reverse) The Strand, Dover Road, A2 Trunk Road, and A256 Whitfield Bypass.

A256 WHITFIELD BYPASS, TILMANSTONE, DOVER

The Roundabout at the junction with Barville Road and Boys Hill will be closed in 2 phases.

31 August 2012 - 5 September 2012 - 9.30 am to 3.30 pm (excluding the weekend)

Alternative route via A256 Eastry Bypass, Sandwich Road, A258 Deal Road, Sandwich Road, London Road, Queen Street, Broad Street, Beach Street, Deal Castle Road, (Victoria Road and Ranelagh Road in reverse) The Strand, Dover Road, A2 Trunk Road, and A256 Whitfield Bypass.

A256 WHITFIELD HILL, DOVER - closed for its entire length

24 September 2012 - 8 October 2012 (excluding weekends) - 8.00 pm until 5.00 am

Alternative route via A256 London Road (River), Crabble Hill, Whitfield Avenue, (Brookfield Avenue, Buckland Avenue, Cherry Tree Avenue,

London Road and Bunkers Hill in reverse) Green Lane, Melbourne Avenue, Honeywood Parkway, Honeywood Road.

A256 SANDWICH BYPASS, SANDWICH - North Poulders Roundabout and approaches (Junction with the A257 Sandwich Road / Ash Road) will be closed in phases.

8 - 12 October 2012 - 8.00 pm until 5.00 am

Alternative route for all through traffic via B2046 Adisham Road, A2 Trunk Road, A256 Whitfield By-pass, Eastry By-pass and Sandwich Road.

Roundabout and Sandwich Road approach

Alternative route for local traffic via A257 Sandwich Road, Marshborough Road, Foxborough Hill, Woodnesborough Lane, Poison Cross, Sandwich Road, A256 Sandwich Road and A256 Sandwich Bypass.

Roundabout and The Causeway approach

Alternative route via The Causeway, Strand Street, High Street, The Chain, Galliard Street, (and Harnet Street in reverse),New Street, Dover Road, Deal Road, A258 Deal Road and A256 Sandwich Bypass.

A256 / B2011 YORK STREET, DOVER (Roundabout only)

The roundabout at the junction between York Street and Folkestone Road will be closed in 2 phases

12 - 15 October 2012 (excluding the weekend) - 8.00 pm until 2.00 am

Alternative routes

Eastern Section: via Priory Road, Ladywell, Park Place, Park Street, Maison Dieu Road, Woolcomber Street, Townwall Street, York Street roundabout and York Street.

Western section: via Folkestone Road, Elms Vale Road, Eaton Road, Astor Avenue, Tower Street, Tower Hamlets Road, Bridge Street, Frith Road, Connaught Road, Castle Hill Road, Woolcoomber Street and Townwall Street.

Worthington Street, Dover - the one way Traffic Order will be reversed between Biggin Street and York Street, during the closure of the eastern half of the roundabout

Biggin Street, Dover - the one way Traffic Order will be suspended between Pencester Road and Edwards Road during the closure of eastern half of the roundabout.

PENCESTER ROAD, DOVER - closed for its entire length

16 - 22 October 2012 (excluding the weekend) - 8.00 pm until 5.00 am

Alternative route via Maison Dieu Road, Woolcoomber Street, Townwall Street and York Street.

GRAVESHAM

A226 OVERCLIFFE, NORTHFLEET - closed between St. James's Street and Bath Street.

28 August 2012 - 4 September 2012 (excluding the weekend) - 7.00 pm until midnight

Alternative route via A226 Bath Street, West Street and Thames Way.

A226 SPRINGHEAD ROAD ROUNDABOUT, NORTHFLEET

The roundabout and all approaches to roundabout - A226 Thames Way, A2260 Springhead Road (up to 50 metres from the roundabout)

12 - 17 September 2012 (excluding the weekend) - 7.00 pm until 5.00 am

Alternative route via A2260 Springhead Road, Hall Road, Perry Street, B261 Dover Road, A226 Thames Way and B2175 London Road

B2175 LONDON ROAD, NORTHFLEET - closed between Rural Vale and St Mark's Avenue.

17 - 20 September 2012 - 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

Alternative route via A226 Thames Way, B2175 Stonebridge Way and B2175 The Hill.

HALL ROAD ROUNDABOUT, NORTHFLEET - Close roundabout and all approaches to it - A2260 Springhead Road, Hall Road and B262 Hall Road

Overbridge will be closed in phases.

20 - 28 September 2012 (excluding the weekend) - 10.30 pm until 5.00 am

Alternative route via A2 Watling Street, A227 Wrotham Road, Coldharbour Road, Perry Street, B261 Dover Road and A226 Thames Way

VALLEY DRIVE, GRAVESEND - closed between Whitehill Lane and Valley Drive Roundabout (Lorry Park Entrance)

27 September - 8 October 2012 (excluding the weekend) - 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

Alternative route via Hever Court Road, Singlewell Road, B261 Old Road East and Valley Drive

MAIDSTONE

B2163 LOWER STREET, LEEDS - closed between Ashford Road Roundabout and Leeds Road

23 August 2012 - 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

Alternative route via Leeds Road, Sutton Road, Willington Street and Ashford Road.

B2163 PENFOLD HILL, LEEDS - closed between Ashford Road Roundabout and Leeds Road

24 August 2012 - 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

Alternative route via Leeds Road, Sutton Road, Willington Street and Ashford Road.

B2162 HAMPSTEAD LANE, YALDING - closed from the railway bridge north-eastwards for approximately 100 metres

3 & 4 September 2012 - 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

Alternative route via Hampstead Lane, Maidstone Road, Boyle Way, Branbridges Road, Beltring Road, Gravelly Ways and Leeds Road.

B2163 HEATH ROAD, BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA - closed between A274 Sutton Road and A229 Linton Road

4 & 5 September 2012 - 7.00 pm to midnight

Alternative route via Linton Road, Loose Road and Sutton Road.

B2010 SMITHS HILL, MAIDSTONE - closed between Hunt Street and Ewell Lane

5 - 7 September 2012 - 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

Alternative route via Smiths Hill, Yalding Hill, High Street, Lees Road, Hampstead Lane, Maidstone Road, Bow Road, Tonbridge Road and Teston Lane

B2012 STACEYS STREET, MAIDSTONE - closed at approach to Roundabout

5 - 7 September 2012 - 8.00 pm to midnight

Alternative route via Staceys Street, Chatham Road, Sandling Road and Boxley Road

SEVENOAKS

A224 LONDON ROAD, SEVENOAKS - closed between Oak Hill Road and The Drive

17 - 20 September 2012 - 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

Alternative route via A224 London Road, Amherst Hill, London Road, A25 Bradbourne Vale Road, A225 St. John's Hill, Dartford Road, Pembroke Road and A224 London Road.

A224 LONDON ROAD, DUNTON GREEN - closed between A224 Morants Court Road and Barrett's Road

29 - 31 October 2012 - 9.00 pm until 5.00 am

Alternative route via A224 London Road, A25 Worships Hill, Main Road, B2211 Chevening Road, Ovenden Road, Sundridge Road and A224 Morants Court Road

SWALE

B2005 GROVEHURST ROAD, SITTINGBOURNE - closed at the approach to Swale Way Roundabout

17 - 20 September 2012 - 7.00 pm until 5.00 am

Alternative route via Saffron Way, Mill Way, St. Paul's Street, Staplehurst Road, A249 and Grovehurst Road.

B2205 GROVEHURST ROAD, SITTINGBOURNE - closed between North Street to Newman Drive Roundabout

Sunday 11 November 2012 - 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

Alternative route via Saffron Way, Mill Way, St. Paul's Street, Staplehurst Road, A249 and Grovehurst Road.

A2 ST. MICHAEL'S ROAD, SITTINGBOURNE - Closed at the East Street roundabout exit into St. Michael's Road

Sunday 18 November 2012 - 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

Alternative route via East Street and Crown Quay Lane

THANET

B2050 MANSTON ROAD, RAMSGATE - closed from Princess Margaret Avenue to and including Tesco Roundabout

26 - 28 September 2012 - *3 nights*, 10.00 pm to 5.00 am

1 - 5 October 2012 - *5 days*, 9.30 am - 3.30 pm

Alternative route via High Street, Newington Road, High Street St. Lawrence, Nethercourt Hill, Canterbury Road East and Haine Road.

ROYAL PARADE, LEOPOLD STREET and MADERIA WALK, RAMSGATE

- closed between Queen Street and Albion Place

28th September 2012 - 11th October 2012 8.00 pm until 5.00 am (excluding Fridays and weekends)

Alternative route via Queen Street, West Cliff Road, London Road, Nethercourt Hill, High Street St. Lawrence, Park Road, Boundary Road, Victoria Road and Wellington Crescent.

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING

A228 HOLBOROUGH ROAD, SNODLAND - closed between Constitution Hill and A228 Snodland By-pass

Monday 29 October to Wednesday 14h November 2012 - 7.00 pm until 5.00 am.

Alternative route via Malling Road, A228 Ham Hill Roundabout and A228 Snodland By-pass

MALLING ROAD, SNODLAND - closed between A228 Snodland Bypass and Hollow Lane

Monday 29 October to Wednesday 14 November 2012 - 7.00 pm until 5.00 am.

Alternative route via Malling Road, Holborough Road, A228 Snodland Bypass, Ladds Lane Roundabout, A228 Snodland Bypass and Ham Hill Roundabout.

A228 Snodland By-Pass (Southbound), Snodland - there will be No Right Turn into Holborough Road, Snodland

Alternative route via A228 Snodland By-pass, Ham Hill Roundabout and Malling Road

TUNBRIDGE WELLS

B2100 TOWN HILL, LAMBERHURST - closed between Furnace Lane and The Broadway

20 - 25 September 2012 - 9.30 am to 3.00 pm, between Spray Hill and Pearce Place, then 8.30 am to 5.00 pm once past Pearce Place.

Alternative route via Spray Hill and The Down.

B2017 TUDELEY ROAD (Five Oak Green Road, Tudely Lane) TUNBRIDGE WELLS - closed at the junction with Postern Lane, with no through access between between Somer Hill and Hartlake Road

31 October - 2 November 2012 - 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

Alternative route via Woodgate Way, Pembury Road, Hastings Road, Pembury Northern Bypass, Maidstone Road, Badsell Road and Five Oak Green Road.

A264 MOUNT EPHRAIM, TUNBRIDGE WELLS - closed between Royal Wells Hotel and A26 London Road

2, 5 & 6 November 2012 (NB excluding the weekend) - 7.00 pm until midnight

Alternative route via London Road, Church Road and Mount Ephraim.

A264 CRESCENT ROAD, TUNBRIDGE WELLS - closed between Calverley Road and Calverley Park

6 & 7 November 2012 - 7.00 pm until midnight

Alternative route via Calverley Road, Monson Road, Mount Pleasant Road and Crescent Road.

CALVERLEY ROAD, TUNBRIDGE WELLS - closed between Calverley Street and Crescent Road

8 & 9 November 2012 - 7.00 pm until midnight

Alternative route via Crescent Road, Mount Pleasant Road and Monson Road.

Garden Street, Tunbridge Wells - the One-way Traffic Order will be suspended for its entire length.

HIGHWAYS - ASHFORD AREA

ROCK HILL ROAD, EGERTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to replace a culvert, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Rock Hill Road, Egerton, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 3 weeks, or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the track to the south of Rock Hill Bungalow and Bourn Field Farm, with no access for through traffic between the junctions with Stone Hill Road and New Road.

The alternative route is via New Road, Egerton Road, Smarden Road, The Pinnock and Munday Bois Lane.

Please note the works will now take up to one week longer than initially publicised.

A252 MAIDSTONE ROAD, CHILHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching and lining works and

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road stud renewal, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on A252 Maidstone Road, Chilham, on or after 20 August 2012 for up to 4 nights, between 8.00 pm and 5.00 am.

The road will be closed to the east of Molash, in the vicinity of Park Wood.

There will be no access for through traffic on the A252 between Challock and Chilham during these works.

The alternative route is via A251 Buck Street, Faversham Road, A2042 Faversham Road, A28 Canterbury Road, Ashford Road and A252 Maidstone Road.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, THE BOROUGH OF ASHFORD)

(20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Section 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act has made an Order, the effect of which is to consolidate within the Order, all existing speed limits affecting roads in the Borough of Ashford.

A copy of the proposed Order, which comes into operation on 6th August 2012 together with an explanatory statement may be inspected during normal office hours at the reception in Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at our Highways Depot, Henwood Industrial Estate, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD.

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or any instrument made thereunder, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Orders.

John Burr, Director Kent Highways
County Hall, Maidstone, Kent

HIGHWAYS - CANTERBURY AREA

CHESTFIELD ROAD, WHITSTABLE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Chestfield Road, Whitstable, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the A2990 Chestfield Roundabout, for a distance of approximately 20 metres southwards.

There will be no access for through traffic between Canterbury and Whitstable, using this route.

The alternative route is via, A290 Clapham Hill, Pean Hill, Honey Hill, Blean Common, Blean Hill, Tile Kiln Hill, Whitstable Road, St Thomas Hill, Whitstable Road, Forty Acres Road, Beaconsfield Road and St Stephen's Hill.

Local access to Chestfield via A2990 (Old) Thanet Way, Millstrood Road and South Street.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF CANTERBURY)

(20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Section 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act has made an Order, the effect of which is to consolidate within the Order, all existing speed limits affecting roads in the District of Canterbury.

A copy of the proposed Order, which comes into operation on 6th August 2012 together with an explanatory statement may be inspected during normal office hours at the reception in Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at our Highways Depot, Henwood Industrial Estate, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD.

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or any instrument made thereunder, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Orders.

HIGHWAYS - DARTFORD AREA

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, DARTFORD)

(PROHIBITION OF WAITING) CONSOLIDATION (AMENDMENT NO. 11) ORDER 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above named Order under Sections 1, 2, 4 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act of 1984:

The effect of the Order is to introduce No waiting at any time (double yellow line) restrictions on the following lengths of Sandpit Road:

(i) On the north-west side from its junction with Burnham Road in a north-easterly direction to the eastern extremity of the road.

(ii) On the south-east side from its junction with Burnham Road in a north-easterly direction for a distance of 61 metres

(iii) On the south-east side from a point in line with the north-eastern flank wall of Unit 1 Swann Business Park in a north-easterly direction for a distance of 45 metres

(iv) On the south-east side from a point 3m north east of the boundary between Units 11 and 12 Swan Business Park in a north-easterly direction for a distance of 41 metres

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for making the Order, may be examined between 8.30am and 5pm on Mondays to Fridays at Dartford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford, Kent DA1 1DR and at Sessions House, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, THE BOROUGH OF DARTFORD)

(20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Section 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act has made an Order, the effect of which is to consolidate within the Order, all existing speed limits affecting roads in the Borough of Dartford.

A copy of the proposed Order, which comes into operation on 6th August 2012 together with an explanatory statement may be inspected during normal office hours at the reception in Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at our Highways Depot, Henwood Industrial Estate, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD.

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or any instrument made thereunder, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Orders.

HIGHWAYS - DOVER AREA

INGLETON WOOD ROAD, RIVER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow works access to phone cables in the carriageway, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Ingleton Wood Road, River, on or after 20 August 2012 for up to 5 days, between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm each day.

The road will be closed to the west (Hougham) side of the junction with Minnis Lane.

The alternative route is via Hogbrook Hill Lane, Alkham Valley Road, Alkham Road (note 11' 6" (3.5 M) height restriction) and Lower Road, plus Lewisham Road, Crabble Road, London Road (River), London Road (Temple Ewell) at the beginning, in reverse.

WEST STREET, DEAL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on West Street, Deal, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 6 months, or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in phases between the junctions with Stanhope Road and Western Road.

The alternative route is via A258 Queen Street, Albert Road and Western Road.

Local diversions will also be in place as the works progress, as signposted on site.

The lengths of the various phases are subject to weather and ground conditions. The exact dates will be notified to local residents and signposted on site.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF DOVER)

(20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Section 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act has made an Order, the effect of which is to consolidate within the Order, all existing speed limits affecting roads in the District of Dover.

A copy of the proposed Order, which comes into operation on 6th August 2012 together with an explanatory statement may be inspected during normal office hours at the reception in Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at our Highways Depot, Henwood Industrial Estate, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD.

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or any instrument made thereunder, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Orders.

HIGHWAYS - GRAVESHAM AREA

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, THE BOROUGH OF GRAVESHAM)

(20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Section 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act has made an Order, the effect of which is to consolidate within the Order, all existing speed limits affecting roads in the Borough of Gravesham.

A copy of the proposed Order, which comes into operation on 6th August 2012 together with an explanatory statement may be inspected during normal office hours at the reception in Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at our Highways Depot, Henwood Industrial Estate, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD.

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or any instrument made thereunder, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Orders.

HIGHWAYS - MAIDSTONE AREA

BEECHEN BANK ROAD AND BOXLEY ROAD, BOXLEY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to change the speed limit to 40mph, signing, carriageway surfacing and lining, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Beechen Bank Road and Boxley Road, Boxley, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Woodlands to Walderslade Woods.

The alternative route is via Walderslade Woods, Fostington Way, Robin Hood Lane (lower).

BETSHAM ROAD, MAIDSTONE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Betsham Road, Maidstone, on or after 20 August 2012 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed its whole length.

The alternative route is via Woolley Road.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (A249 DETLING HILL/SITTINGBOURNE ROAD AT DETLING/THURNHAM) (TEMPORARY 50MPH SPEED RESTRICTIONS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because of the likelihood of danger to the public using a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic travelling at any speed greater than 50mph on the northbound carriageway of Detling Hill/Sittingbourne Road between the existing permanent 50mph speed restriction 407 metres north east of its junction with Scragged Oak Road to the Detling Aerodrome Approach Road

The order shall come into operation at times when required as indicated by signage on site on 25th/26th/27th August 2012.

CARING LANE, THURNHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of drainage improvement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Caring Lane, Thurnham, on or after 20th August 2012 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of A20 Ashford Road and Caring Road.

The alternative route is via Caring Road, Otham Lane, A20 Ashford Road.

CLAPPER LANE, STAPLEHURST (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to install a new water main, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Clapper Lane, Staplehurst, on or after 20 August 2012 for up to 5 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from outside "Critoph" to "Roston" Farm.

The alternative route is via Marden Road, Station Road, A229 Maidstone Road.

FAIRBOURNE LANE, HARRIETSHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to lay a new high voltage cable, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Fairbourne Lane, Harrietsham, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between Fairbourne Mill and Bramble Cottage.

The alternative route is via A20 Ashford Road, East Street, Sandway Road, Headcorn Road, Lenham Road.

FARLEIGH LANE AND NEW CUT, EAST FARLEIGH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of repairs to East Farleigh Bridge and a retaining wall, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Farleigh Lane and New Cut, East Farleigh, on or after 24 August 2012 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at East Farleigh Bridge on Farleigh Lane and from The Corner House to Rockwell Farm on New Cut.

The alternative route for Farleigh Lane is via Station Road, B2010 Lower Road, B2163 Teston Lane, A26 Tonbridge Road and for New Cut is via Dean Street, Workhouse Lane, Stockett Lane.

FIVE ASH LANE, STAPLEHURST (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

For further information, please contact Kent County Council Highways and Transportation, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

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Because of carriageway patching, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Five Ash Lane, Staplehurst, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from junction with Pagehurst Road.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with from junction with Pagehurst Road to Five Oak Lane.

The alternative route is via Five Ash Lane, Pagehurst Road, Wilden Park Road, Five Oak Lane.

B2010 LOWER ROAD, EAST FARLEIGH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to install a new telegraph pole, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Lower Road, East Farleigh, on or after 22 August 2012 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic from the junction of Charlton Lane to Gallant Lane.

The alternative route is via Charlton Lane B2163 Ewell Lane/Heath Road and Dean Street.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (MARIGOLD WAY, MAIDSTONE) (ONE WAY) ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

The Kent County Council, acting as the local traffic authority and in exercise of their powers under sections 9 and 10 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, ("the Act") and of all other enabling powers, after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, intends to make the following Order:

The effect of the proposed Order will prohibit any vehicle to proceed in a direction other than specified in the Order.

Marigold Way	east to west	That length of Marigold Way which extends from the eastern flank wall of Yalding House for a distance of 10 metres in a westerly direction.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (MARIGOLD WAY, MAIDSTONE) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL acting as the local authority and in exercise of their powers under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 44, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, intends to make the following Order:

The effect of the proposed Order will introduce waiting restrictions and street parking places on the following road or lengths of road;

Schedule
(Waiting Restrictions and Street Parking Places)

Road	Parish/Town	Length of Restriction
Marigold Way - junction with Tarragon Road	Maidstone	Eastern side - that length of Marigold Way which extends from a point 19 metres north of its junction with Tarragon Road to a point 11 metres south of its junction with Tarragon Road.
Tarragon Road	Maidstone	That length of Tarragon Road which extends both sides from a point 6 metres east of its junction with Marigold Way to its junction with Marigold Way.
Marigold Way - junction with Tarragon Road	Maidstone	Western side - that length of Marigold Way which extends from a point 10 metres northwest of its junction with Tarragon Road to a point 11 metres south of its junction with Tarragon Road.
Marigold Way - adjacent to Yalding House	Maidstone	Western side - that length of Marigold Way which extends from a point 12 metres north of its junction with the Marigold Way 'No Entry' restriction to a point 4 metres west of the eastern flank wall of Yalding House.

Full details are contained in the proposed Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at the offices of Maidstone Borough Council Offices, The Gateway, King Street, Maidstone and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone ME14 1XQ during normal opening times.

Anyone wishing to support the new proposal or object to the proposed Order should send the grounds in writing to: The Traffic Schemes and Member Highway Fund Manager,

Kent County Council Highways, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to TRO@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 17th September 2012.

John Burr, Director Kent Highways
Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone

MILL LANE, WEST STREET, HUNTON HILL, UPPER HUNTON HILL, HUNTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Mill Lane, West Street, Hunton Hill, Upper Hunton Hill, Hunton, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

The roads will be closed between Benover Road and B2163 Heath Road.

The alternative route is via B2163 Heath Road, Ewell Lane, B2010 Smith's Hill/Yalding Hill/High Street, B2162 Benover Road.

OAKWOOD ROAD, MAIDSTONE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to resurface the junction and construct a pedestrian island, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Oakwood Road, Maidstone, on or after 20 August 2012 for up to 12 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with Tonbridge Road.

The alternative route is via A26 Tonbridge Road, Bower Mount Road, Oakwood Road.

WARREN STREET, LENHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of drainage improvement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Warren Street, Lenham, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of Payden Street and Waterditch Lane.

The alternative route is via Waterditch Lane, Coldharbour Lane, Bunce Court Road.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, THE BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE)

(20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Section 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act has made an Order, the effect of which is to consolidate within the Order, all existing speed limits affecting roads in the Borough of Maidstone.

A copy of the proposed Order, which comes into operation on 6th August 2012 together with an explanatory statement may be inspected during normal office hours at the reception in Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at our Highways Depot, Henwood Industrial Estate, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD.

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or any instrument made thereunder, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Orders.

HIGHWAYS - SEVENOAKS AREA

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(A20 SEVENOAKS)

(24 HOUR CLEARWAY) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 4 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all the other enabling powers, has made an order, the effect of which is to consolidate within the Order the Clearway on the detrunked A20 which lies in County of Kent.

A copy of the proposed Order, which comes into operation on 6th August 2012 together with an explanatory statement may be inspected during normal office hours at the reception in Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at our Highways Depot, Henwood Industrial Estate, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD.

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or any instrument made thereunder, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Orders.

John Burr,Director Kent Highways
County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XQ

FAWKHAM ROAD, FAWKHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Due to enabling BT safe access for pole replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Fawkham Road, Fawkham, on or after 8 August 2012 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside Downland for a distance of 100 metres.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Castle Hill, Fawkham and Main Road, Longfield.

The alternative route is via via B260, Ash Road, Ash Lane, A20, Fawkham Road, Brands Hatch Road, Valley Road, Fawkham Road.

HALL HILL, SEAL, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Hall Hill, Seal, Sevenoaks, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Red Lane to Park Lane.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions from Red Lane to Park Lane.

The alternative route is via approaching from the west, diversion is west along Grove Road, then south along Park Lane, east along Bitchett Green Road and finally west along Stone Street Road and Hall Hill. The traffic approaching from the east is the same but reversed..

HARTFIELD ROAD (TEMPORARY 30MPH SPEED LIMIT) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Due to reducing the speed limit to 30mph to facilitate watermains replacement works , Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic travelling a greater speed than 30mph on Hartfield Road from the junction of Spode Lane to outsdie Kent Water Cottages after 6th August 2012 for up to 4 months or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed From the junction of Spode Lane to outside Kent Water Cottages .

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, SEVENOAKS AND TONBRIDGE & MALLING) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council Has Made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on the routes described in the Schedule.

The alternative routes as described will be noted in the schedule. Access will be maintained up to the points of closure. The Order will become effective on 6th August 2012 and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

Schedule

Road Name:	Shipbourne Road, Sevenoaks
Extent:	Underriver House Road to Ridings Lane
Dates:	Start: 6th August 2012 End: 9th August 2012
Diversion:	Underriver House Road, Mill Lane, Vines Lane, Ridings Lane vice versa
Road Name:	Ridings Lane, Hildenborough
Extent:	Hildenborough Road to Wilderness Plantation
Dates:	Start: 22nd August 2012 End: 27th August 2012
Diversion:	Hildenborough Road, Underriver House Road, Mill Lane, Vines Lane, Ridings Lane vice versa
Road Name:	Carters Hill, Sevenoaks
Extent:	Underriver House Road to Mill Lane
Dates:	Start: 3rd September 2012 End: 28th September 2012
Diversion:	Carters Hill, Underriver House Road, Mill Lane, Carters Hill vice versa
Road Name:	Underriver House Road, Sevenoaks
Extent:	Hildenborough Road to Rooks Hill
Dates:	Start: 1st October 2012 End: 12th October 2012
Diversion:	Underriver House Road, Mill Lane, Carters Hill, Underriver House Road vice versa

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate the installation of a new water main and the works are to be undertaken by South East Water. For further information or comment please call Gerald Dale on 01322 394414.

JOHN BURR, Director of Highways, Kent County Council County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 2XQ

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF SEVENOAKS)

(20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

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A copy of the proposed Order, which comes into operation on 6th August 2012 together with an explanatory statement may be inspected during normal office hours at the reception in Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at our Highways Depot, Henwood Industrial Estate, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD.

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HIGHWAYS - SHEPWAY AREA

In the District of Shepway

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS) CONSOLIDATION (AMENDMENT NO 4) ORDER 2012

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL propose to make the above named Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order will be to revoke the One-Way Streets Traffic Regulation Order that applies to Tram Road, and restore the road to a two-way flow for its entire length. This is to facilitate traffic flow and reduce town centre congestion.

Full details are contained in the draft Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Kent County Council, Javelin Way Ashford, Kent, TN24 8DH, between 8.30am and 5.00pm, and at Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY during normal opening hours.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed

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Order you should send the grounds in writing to Traffic Schemes Team,, Kent County Council Highways and Transportation, Ashford Highway Depot, 4 Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD

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by noon on Monday 27 August 2012.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY)

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HIGHWAYS - SWALE AREA

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, THE BOROUGH OF SWALE)

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HIGHWAYS - THANET AREA

BALLIOL ROAD, BROADSTAIRS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide an electricity supply to a new development, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Balliol Road,

Broadstairs, on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 4 days, or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed to the west of the juntion with Old Green Road.

The alternative route is via Beacon Road and Reading Street.

A255 NETHERCOURT HILL, RAMSGATE (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To prevent traffic congestion during gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting waiting on A255 Nethercourt Hill, Ramsgate, as shown below

Waiting will be prohibited at all times on any sections of Nethercourt Hill that are currently unrestricted.

These restrictions will only be imposed if needed, and will then be indicated by no waiting cones or by double yellow lines on the sections of road affected.

This Order takes effect on or after 6 August 2012 for up to 6 weeks, or until the works have been completed.

STIRLING WAY, RAMSGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to repair carriageway potholes, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Stirling Way, Ramsgate or after 20 August 2012 for up to 5 days, between 9.00 am and 4.00 pm.

The closure will be in 2 phases, as shown below.

From 20 August 2012 for up to 3 days, the road will be closed between St John's Avenue and Rockstone Way.

From 23 August 2012 for up to 2 days, the road will be closed from Rockstone Way to Newington Road

The alternative route for through traffic is via St John's Avenue, The Centre, Bush Avenue and Newington Road.

The adjoining roads will be closed at their junction with Stirling Way as the works progress, but will remain open from their other junctions.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF THANET)

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HIGHWAYS - TONBRIDGE & MALLING AREA

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

COMP LANE PLATT (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

Because of a New BT duct installation, Kent County Council intends to make an order an Order prohibiting through traffic on Comp Lane, Platt on or after 20 August 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of Long Mill Lane and Beechin Wood Lane.

The alternative route is via Beechin Wood Lane and Long Mill Lane.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, THE BOROUGH OF TONBRIDGE & MALLING)

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HIGHWAYS - TUNBRIDGE WELLS AREA

FRITTENDEN ROAD, FRITTENDEN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to install a new water main, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Frittenden Road, Frittenden, on or after 20 August 2012 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from London Lane to East Lodge.

The alternative route is via Cranbrook Road, Headcorn Road, Staplehurst Road, Frittenden Road, A229 Cranbrook Road, Rocks Hill.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, THE BOROUGH OF TUNBRIDGE WELLS)

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John Burr
Director Kent Highways
Invicta House
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Dated 5th August 2012

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THE INTERVIEW

Jules Coomber

Clued up on Sherlock

Nick Ames speaks to the group of internet sleuths who decided to sniff out the facts behind an internationally-popular television show

BBC TV's Sherlock, starring Benedict Cumberbatch as the Baker Street sleuth and Martin Freeman as Dr Watson, has been one of the major broadcasting success stories of recent years – and its stars are in the running for an Emmy Award in the US.

Bringing the classic characters created by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle into the 21st century, the show was created by Dr Who team Mark Gatiss and Stephen Moffat.

It has been nominated for a huge number of awards and sold to 180 countries, and even the show's stars and creators were stunned at the level of debate in newsprint and online about plotlines and characters – especially a cliff-hanger ending which saw Holmes surviving a roof-top plunge before watching a distraught Watson at his graveside.

On Sunday, September 23, in Los Angeles, Sherlock will contest 13 separate Emmy categories, with Cumberbatch and Freeman up for outstanding lead and supporting actor in a mini series, respectively.

Along with a nomination in the outstanding mini series or movie category, Sherlock is also recognised for its costuming, writing, directing, casting, cinematography, editing, music, sound-mixing, sound-editing, art direction and cinematography. But its not just the show itself that is being lauded.

Kent-based website Sherlockology, run by Jules Coomber, from Whitstable, David Mather, from Faversham, and Emma Grigg and Leif Harstad, both from Swanley, is dedicated to the series. And it has just been given a Shorty Award – the internet's equivalent to the Oscars – at a presentation in New York.

The site receives more than a million hits a month; at any time of the day some 50 people are viewing and it has a fan base of more than 100,000 people worldwide.

Coomber explained how the idea for the website came about: "London may be the silent character in Sherlock, but the idea of creating a website for the series came about during a trip we took to Rome in April 2011. While we were there, we noticed tourist trips to locations for the film Angels And Demons.

"Sherlock films in some really iconic areas of London, so when we returned home we had a look to see if there was any information online.

"We discovered there was very little on the series. So we set about creating our own hub of information, from locations to other behind-the-scenes content such as props and wardrobe, cast and crew information, details of the characters and episodes, and also a means of offering news.

"Sherlockology's success goes hand in hand with the programme's popularity. Sherlock isn't just a TV show – it's an experience. You feel experiences rather than just watching them.

"After you have taken the journey on-screen alongside John Watson and Sherlock Holmes, you can share your love and interest in the show with a massively-engaged family of fans online. We opened social-media accounts on Twitter, Facebook, Tumblr and YouTube and it just grew from there."

Humour is an important part of the show, which never falls into the trap of taking itself too seriously, despite its clever plots, brilliant action, sharp dialogue and fast-paced direction.

The affection for the original works from the writers is obvious, with many in-jokes referencing characters, story titles and situations.

From Watson being a blogger, rather than writing for a magazine, to Holmes's network of homeless informers rather than street urchins, the writers show genuine respect for their Victorian-era source. However, when Moffat was asked where would he go if he had a Tardis, he replied: "Maybe I would take some Sherlock DVDs back to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and see what he thinks. He'd probably punch me."

Coomber said she felt a combination of factors led to the success of the series.

"It's what happens when you have the combination of genius writing, a talented cast and fantastic crew. Co-creators Steven Moffat and Mark Gatiss are both huge fans of [the original] Sherlock Holmes and have made Sherlock fresh and exciting for a 21st-century audience while remaining faithful to the canon, not to mention it's funny in parts, heartbreaking in others and, of course, very clever."

SHERLOCKOLOGY: Jules Coomber, one of the site's founders, with the violin used in the TV show starring Martin Freeman and Benedict Cumberbatch as Watson and Holmes

Although not officially endorsed by the BBC, the website has close links with the corporation, even supplying features for the Radio Times.

Its creators have met up with many of the people connected with the series.

Coomber said: "Not working in the television or film industry, it has given us an insight as to not only the process of how these things are made, like when we watched a little of Sherlock series two being filmed in London. Despite all this, we'd be lying if we said we didn't still get a little star-struck."

Sherlockology has put together a book of new stories sold in aid of the campaign to preserve Conan Doyle's former home, Undershaw, in Surrey. It is available from the website and has a cover image of Peter Cushing as Holmes.

"He was from Whitstable and it was a pleasure to use his picture," said Coomber

But the big question is: does Sherlockology know how its hero survived?

"If we do, we won't tell," said Coomber. "And we don't like to speculate."

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Yes! A restaurant that can do Mexican as well as I do

RESTAURANT **REVIEW**

AS someone who is passionate about cooking Mexican food, I am always wary of trying new restaurants of that genre for fear of being bitterly disappointed.

But my trip to Zapatas in Tunbridge Wells has managed to restore my faith in the experience of eating out.

Set in The Pantiles, Zapatas is a lively, vibrant place, decorated head to toe in bright colours, with exotic paintings splashed over the terracotta walls. I immediately felt like I had been transported right to the heart of Mexico.

Unfortunately, the music in the background didn't follow through with the theme – five-year-old pop songs with the bass so loud you couldn't make out the words. It wasn't too pleasant with our dinner.

However, Zapatas was obviously the place to be on a Saturday night as it was filled with groups and families, as well as young people enjoying the extensive list of cocktails at the bar.

After a slight delay with our drinks, for which the waiter apologised profusely, we ordered.

I opted for pinchos de gambas to start – five tiger prawns with chorizo, peppers, salad and mango salsa.

The prawns were gorgeous – large and

bursting with flavour – but for £7.25 I expected a bit more to the salad than just a couple of lettuce leaves.

My guest chose bean soup, a bargain at £4.75 and probably our favourite dish of the night – a mix of beans and chorizo topped with soured cream and Monterrey Jack cheese.

An amusing moment came when we asked the waiter what the exact ingredients were, to which he replied "Er... it is soup".

For our main, we chose a double portion of chicken and sirloin steak fajitas, which were accompanied by guacamole, sour cream and salad for £27.

Usually, Mexican restaurants scrimp on the tortillas, but we had plenty left over. The meat was cooked to perfection and had picked up the right amount of flavouring from the peppers, onions and mushrooms which came with it, but it could have done with a touch more spice for my taste.

For dessert I opted for banoffee pie with cream and my guest chose three scoops of sorbet – two mango, one blood orange.

The sorbet was superb and the homemade banoffee pie also hit all the right notes.

The dishes were presented wonderfully and, despite the place being packed out, the attention to detail was obvious and the service speedy.

The bill came to £56.20, and overall Zapatas has succeeded in changing my mind about Mexican restaurants. I would thoroughly recommend dining there, but personally I would probably choose a quieter weekday next time.

Chrissie Daniels

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Far East fusion could be the key to interest

THAI restauranteur Chutima Blakley has chosen Ashford as the setting for a new concept for Thai dining.

The fusion of authentic Thai food with the Continental café and patisserie should make for an interesting combination in the town.

Newly opened, the Lemongrass Thai fusion café and restaurant replaces the former Zarin restaurant after 29 years of trading at 31 Bank Street.

Chutima, who has lived in the UK for 30 years, opened the Lemongrass Thai restaurant in Tunbridge Wells in September 2011, followed by a Thai supermarket next door in March 2012.

Five-star approach for a venue of the world

NEW restaurant Five World Kitchen has opened in Mount Pleasant, Tunbridge Wells.

The new eatery boasts an international banquet and bar area, a buffet dinning restaurant and an à la carte menu offering a variety of global cuisine, plus the trendy live cooking area where visitors can watch the skilled chefs at work.

Dinner is served from 5pm-10pm every evening and, having opened just two weeks ago, the restaurant is offering a 20 per cent reduction in prices.

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Rolling back the years

10cc still in the groove

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FOLLOWING a hugely successful nine-date major-venue tour earlier in the year, legendary 70s pop band 10cc have announced their 40th anniversary tour will be heading to Kent.

The tour starts on Thursday, October 11, at Canterbury's Marlowe. Having sold more than 15 million albums in the UK and 30 million worldwide, 10cc are celebrating an incredible four decades years in the music business.

The group had 11 Top 10 UK singles to their name, including hits I'm Not In Love (1975) and Dreadlock Holiday (1978).

The current line-up, together now for a decade, features Graham Gouldman, Rick Fenn, Paul Burgess, Mick Wilson and Mike Stevens.

Mazing grace

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FOR the first time, Penshurst Place will this year have a maze attraction for visitors to enjoy during the school summer holidays.

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The new attraction has been designed by Mazescape and will be open at Penshurst until mid-September, depending, as ever, on the weather conditions.

The maze will be free to visit for full-paying garden-ticket-holders and Penshurst Place season-ticket-holders.

For voucher and other card-holders there will be a small extra charge of £2 per adult, £1 per child, per visit to take on the winding, life-size puzzle.

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FORMER schoolteacher-turned-male stripper Benedict Garrett is to perform at The Orchard Theatre in Dartford as part of the male glamour show The Dreamboys.

Garrett, who featured in this year's Big Brother, shot to fame when his story of being a secondary-schoolteacher while working as a male entertainer hit the UK media.

However, since this, his career has taken off and, as well as landing a spot in the BB house, he was signed up to perform as part of the male glamour show The Dreamboys.

The group have appeared on TV shows such as The X Factor, Britain's Got Talent, Celebrity Big Brother, Loose Women, This Morning and The Only Way Is Essex.

Boutique bash in the woods

Jacks Festival

White Chimney Woods, Benenden
Saturday, August 10
www.jacks-festival.co.uk

IN the middle of the countryside, an all-new boutique festival has been planned for White Chimney Woods.

The site, near Benenden, will be alive with music and entertainment as the Jacks Festival welcomes local and rising talent, along with some top DJ names.

There will be live music all day and throughout the night – or why not kick back and relax in the Shisha Garden tent, recline in the sun-soaked paddocks while sipping on some locally-brewed cider, or just wait for the sun to go down?

In such beautiful surroundings, it is only right to give something back. So this year, Jacks will donate £1 from every ticket to the Hospice In The Weald charity.

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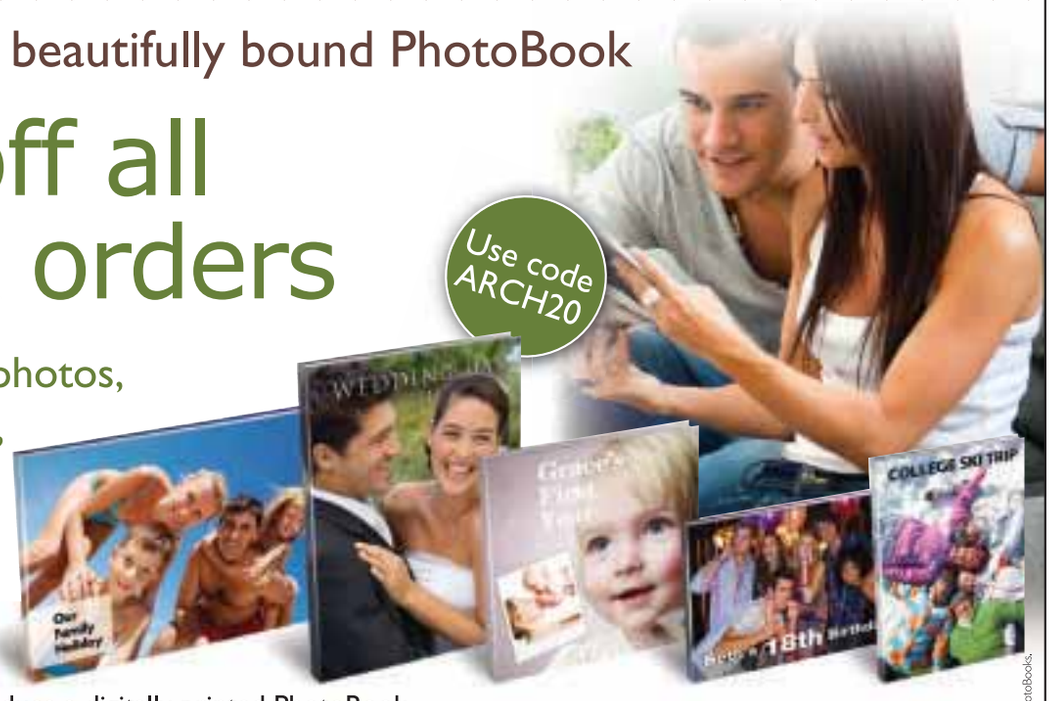

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Folky folk feel a Power surge

Fest of fiddles

Deal Maritime Folk Festival
Fri to Sun, September 14-16
01304 370220
dealmaritimefolkfestival.org

THE 16th Deal Maritime Folk Festival is once again promising to pack the town with music and dance.

The seaside town will showcase the varied traditions of folk and world music, including a performance from the all-new Festival Folk Orchestra, spontaneously created at two pre-festival workshops with musicians of all abilities joining together.

Expect favourites such as the Offcumduns Mass Morris, pub concerts, Shanties@RNLI, Ceilidh dance, braderie buskers and smugglers' sessions.

Headlining the festival will be BBC Radio 2 folk-award-winner Brendan Power, fiddle sensations Nick Wyke & Becki Driscoll and singer Ron Trueman-Border.

Raise a glass to the brews

Beer festival

CAMRA Beer Festival, East Malling Research Centre
Saturday, September 1
www.camra.org.uk/beerfestivals

FOLLOWING its successful reintroduction in 2010, CAMRA's popular beer festival will return for a third year to East Malling.

The world-famous horticultural-research station will be awash with fans of the brew and ciders.

The one-day event is being organised and staffed by volunteer members of the Maidstone and Mid-Kent Branch of CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale) and follows in the footsteps of similar events organised by the branch locally since the 1970s.

It is open between 11am and 8pm and admission costs £2 for card-carrying CAMRA members and £4 for non-members.

A free bus service will run from both Aylesford and West Malling train stations.

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Younger visitors can take a ride on the Dig-a-Round or board the train for a tour.

International tango artist

Dancing days

Vestry Hall, Cranbrook
Saturday September 1, 7.30pm
Tickets £10-£12
www.gigantic.com

WORLD-RENOWNED tango artist Martín Alvarado plays in Cranbrook next month.

The Argentinian will be performing as part of his latest international tour and will precede a social dance for tango fans.

Alvarado's show in Kent starts his season in the UK and Ireland; the tour will include performances at both Dublin's National Hall and the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

The Buenos Aires-born singer has won acclaim across the world for his tenor voice and charismatic stage presence.

Having clocked up 23 international tours in 10 years, Alvarado has become a cultural ambassador for Argentina's musical heritage.

Classic in the open air

Join Rocky Richard

Leeds Castle, near Maidstone
Friday, August 10, at 6pm
01622 880008
www.leeds-castle.com

RICHARD O'BRIEN, Crystal Maze presenter and writer of The Rocky Horror Show, brings frock and roll to Leeds Castle with an open-air screening of the cult musical.

O'Brien will be attending the showing, in the grounds of the castle. He said: "Against this stunning backdrop we are allowed to watch on a really big screen, almost like a drive-in-movie event.

"And yes, there's more – we are encouraged to dress delightfully. I shall be the conservatively-attired one who is poured into fishnets modestly covered with a tutu."

The event is for over-15s only and tickets are priced at £15.

Taste of the Caribbean

One Love Festival

Hop Farm, Paddock Wood
Friday to Sunday, August 10-12
0843 2249001
www.onelovefestival.co.uk

THE sights and sounds of the Caribbean will transform a slice of Kent this summer during a three-day music festival inspired by Jamiacan culture.

The fifth annual One Love Festival will offer a visual, audio and cultural explosion to celebrate 50 years of Jamaican independence as well as some top names from the reggae world.

Straight from the West Indies, reggae legend Freddie McGregor and Dancehall King Frankie Paul headline the festival, which is packed full with more new-school dubstep bands as well.

Others making the Caribbean crossing will be singer Cornel Campbell, Dub Syndicate and son of the legendary Gregory Isaacs, Kevin Issacs.

The majestic motors meet

Classic cars

Margate Harbour Arm
Tuesday, August 21
www.thanetclassics.co.uk
Info@thanetclassics.co.uk

THERE will be classic cars galore at the annual Margate meet, with motor fans gathering at the Harbour Arm for an evening of retro automobiles.

From vintage British cars to classic American muscle powerhouses, there will be a motor for every petrolhead and there is even space for anyone who still wants to be a part of it. Get in touch with organisers using the website and email the address above.

In a great location by the sea, arguably the retro capital of the South, Margate's harbour area hosts the event, withThe Lighthouse Bar, Bebeached Cafe and GBPizzaCo staying open and offering great deals as the event runs into the night. It all starts at 7.30pm.

Four-legged family fun

Animals star

Rare Breeds Centre
Wednesday, August 8
Open from 10am-5.30pm
www.rarebreeds.org.uk

THE Rare Breeds Centre in Woodchurch will be holding a family fun day to show off its range of animals, and our four-legged friends play a big part in events.

There will be dog agility shows, pig-racing and pig-washing, falconry displays, meetings with Toby the shire horse... and even animal fancy-dress!

Other attractions include a clown act, bushcraft skills, classes in vegetable art and a display of American cop cars.

The centre is owned by the Canterbury Oast Trust charity and is notable for its range of work with disabled charities.

The Rare Breeds Centre is home to a range of animals including different types of alpacas, pigs, goats, sheep, horses, birds of prey and creepy-crawlies.

It also has a children's play barn, Mysterious Marsh, tractor rides, a butterfly tunnel, the Granary Restaurant and an award-winning shop.

Entry prices are available on the website.

The summer is here... you can taste it!

WITH summer in full swing, there is no place like Kent when it comes to taking a ride out to sunshine traps and engaging in a fine meal.

Long summer evenings offer an opportunity to go alfresco and eat while surveying the coastline or admiring the full, flourishing fields.

Right now is the ideal time of year to sample the range of food and drink on offer in the county's pubs and restaurants.

Farmers, fishermen and brewers are in the summer swing; restaurants are busy; the tourists are ready to taste and judge – and we have our very own Kentish ingredients to bring to the table.

Dover sole, Romney Marsh lamb and Kentish strawberries are just three of the world-class products that come straight from our precinct.

Then there are the top-class vegetables that spring from the fertile soils of our farms.

And when washed down with some of the local award-winning wines, beers and ciders, the whole experience is a treat that will linger long in the memory.

Kent eateries pride themselves on sourcing as much produce as possible from local establishments – and with such an excellent range available that is surely the wisest course to take.

Away from the countryside, historic towns also boast top-class cafés, restaurants and pubs serving high-quality dishes prepared by talented chefs and served by keen and knowledgeable staff.

So now summer is finally here, it's over to you to simply get out there and enjoy it!

Jalsha
Sidcup

Why here...
A fully licensed, air-conditioned tandoori restaurant, open every day for lunch and dinner. There are regular tribute nights and free live entertainment while you sample the tastes of India.

On the menu...
For starters, try the medley kebab with lamb and chicken tikka plus shish kebab. A popular main from the menu is the lamb-chop achari, with the favourite chocolate mousse for dessert.

How to book...
Jalsha, 169-171 Station Road, Sidcup DA15 7AA
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World's Wonder
Warehorne

Why here...
World's Wonder sits in the countryside, offering a true rural eating experience. The pub is just a short walk from Romney Marsh, sitting between Hamstreet and Tenterden.

On the menu...
The food is both cooked on the premises and sourced locally, with free-range meat and poultry supplied by a local farmer. All dishes are home-made, including the famous rabbit-and-bacon-pie.

How to book...
Bookings taken through the website, www.worldswonder.co.uk; alternatively you can phone 01233 732431

The Red Lion
Hernhill

Why here...
Located in the picturesque village of Hernhill, where it is set on the green, The Red Lion offers a warm, cosy atmosphere and quality home-cooked food. There is an adventure playground and garden for the children as well as new outdoor seating for alfresco eating during the warm summer months. Choose a drink from a varied selection of freehouse wines, beers and quality real ales. You can dine from midday to 8pm in the restaurant.

On the menu...
Why not bring the family for the popular Sunday lunch, when you can have one course for £10.50, two courses for £13.50 or three courses for £15.50? Choose from a selection of meats including pork, lamb and beef, served with all the trimmings.

How to book...
The Red Lion, Crockham Lane, Hernhill ME13 9JR
phone: 01227 751207
web: www.theredlion.org

The Acorn Inn
Birchington

Why here...
The Acorn Inn is a friendly, family-run pub in the heart of the seaside village of Birchington-on-Sea. Hosts Peter and Cath offer you a warm welcome to a pub that has existed since 1748.

On the menu...
There is a good selection, from fish to meat, on the à la carte menu, where prices range from £4.95 to £18.95. Every Thursday is steak night. Sunday roasts are available from midday-4.30pm.

How to book...
The Acorn Inn,
6 Park Lane,
Birchington CT7 0AW
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Waggon at Hale
Chatham

Why here...
A well-run family pub with good food, good wine and beer and a friendly atmosphere. Families are always welcome and in the big garden is a mini family farm with chickens, guinea pigs, rabbits and Crackling the miniature pig. Proprietor Emma Pearson said: "We do not try to be anything more than we are – a warm and friendly country pub offering real food and drink, selected, prepared and served by a friendly team."

On the menu...
The home-cooked food menu covers all tastes and pockets, with simple light bites to the ever-popular traditional Sunday roast, served every Sunday from midday to 6pm. A three-course meal costs £14.95. Booking is advisable to avoid disappointment.

How to book...
Waggon at Hale, 179 Capstone Road, Chatham ME5 7PP; 01634 400800; www.waggonathale.co.uk

The Black Pig
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Why here...
The Black Pig has a modern, comfortable restaurant providing range of home-cooked meals. Enjoy a drink in the bars and lounge from a selection of real ales, lagers and wines.

On the menu...
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French holiday homes to cost Brits dear as Hollande introduces new 'contribution' tax

By Nick Ames
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BRITONS with homes in France will now face a new tax called the 'social contribution', which is to be levied on all foreign owners of French property.

This new figure, similar in nature to the National Insurance contribution in the UK, is set at 15.5 per cent. When added to the income tax already charged, Britons will be forced to cough up 35.5 per cent on rental income from their unfurnished lettings.

Changes to capital gains tax will also be rising from 19 per cent to 34.5 per cent, meaning Britons who sell their second homes for a gain will now take home a substantially smaller profit.

The laws have been brought in by France's new left-of-centre administration, under President Francois Hollande.

However, UK residents will not feel any social benefit for their contribution.

Just as UK citizens contribute to the NHS in return for access to it, French residents paying their social contributions get access to a world-class health-care system and some of the most generous unemployment benefits around.

As UK residents, however, British owners of French property will be unable to claim from this social-security system, giving them little reason to want to pay it.

Use of the word 'contribution' is also important for legal reasons. Social contributions are not defined as taxes by France and as such are unlikely to qualify for credit under our double-taxation treaty with France, which is designed to stop British people from being taxed twice on the same income.

The UK Treasury is likely to be examining whether treaty relief would still be applicable in this context and looking to challenge any measures considered discriminatory to UK citizens.

But early signs suggest Britons may end up falling victim to exactly what the double-tax treaty was designed to prevent – to ensure that tax paid to the French authorities can be offset against any tax owed to the UK taxman.

CONTRIBUTING FACTOR: Britons with French holiday homes could face having to pay a lot more tax

Market still stifled by low lending activity

MORTGAGE lending has fallen to its lowest level since December 2010, according to figures released by the Bank of England.

Householders are choosing to stay put, deterred by the cost of moving home as signs of economic recovery are limited and fears over the euro debt crisis heighten.

The low base rate, at 0.50 per cent since March 2009, means many homeowners are happy to continue repaying their lender on the current standard variable rate rather than go to the trouble of negotiating a new product.

In June, just 44,192 new mortgages were approved, a drop of more than 10 per cent on the 50,544 that were approved in May. This is less than half the normal amount for this time of year.

Secured net lending also fell sharply, raising concerns about the state of the UK housing market. The figures show that the eurozone crisis is filtering through and increasing the cost of lending for banks.

Howard Archer, chief UK economist at IHS Global Insight, said the slump in approvals "indicates that underlying housing market activity is limited".

"Significantly, mortgage approvals are very low compared to long-term norms.

"Housing market activity is persistently low compared to long-term norms and while it may eventually be lifted by more mortgages being granted at decent interest rates under the Funding For Lending Scheme to be launched by the Bank of England on 1 August, this is unlikely to be a major factor in the near term at least."

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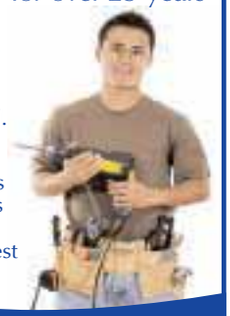

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Evergreen Landie prepares for last hurrah but still stands test

LAND Rover's ageing Defender reminds me of the Citroën 2CV.

OK, the profiles aren't remotely similar and the Deux Chevaux – unusually effective off-road as it was – never tackled rough terrain like the Landie.

But both were icons that lasted beyond their realistic production life, except that Citroën never replaced the 2CV, while Land Rover (LR) has shown exciting successor concepts for the Defender – it seems the question is when, rather than if, we get a replacement.

For now, the old-stager continues and LR has even released a Defender XTech special edition (from £27,995) in military-style grey or bronze with contrasting black roof and wheel arches and 16-inch gloss black alloys with off-road tyres.

Even in standard garb, though, the Defender (from £24,255) remains supremely capable off-road despite a lineage dating back to 1948, and I was reminded of this at the Land Rover Experience Centre at Luton Hoo, Hertfordshire.

The Defender feels primitive and stiff, but you never doubt its ability to hang sideways off an incline, conquer a heavily-rutted slope and crest a rise before easing under control to the bottom at a seemingly impossible angle. Naturally, this ability comes at the price of fairly indifferent on-road driving manners, but if you need ultimate off-roading then the Landie still has it.

The real surprise of my day at Luton Hoo, however, was revisiting the other extreme of the Land/Range Rover range.

More than 60 years separates the Defender from the latest Range Rover Evoque (from £28,695) and, while I had previously experienced the latter's fine on-road capabilities and even done some limited off-road work, I was unprepared for how good the new baby of the LR range can be when the going gets tough.

Every exercise we tackled with the Defender was matched by the Evoque and, while one instructor admitted he would still back the Defender against all comers if the course became a quagmire, it was an impressive feat.

The tragedy is, that while most Defender owners will buy it particularly for off-roading, few Evoque-buyers will want to get their car dirty; indeed, LR chose to break with Range Rover tradition by offering a front-wheel-drive-only eco-friendly Evoque model.

Somewhere between these two extremes lies my real pick of the day, the Land Rover Discovery 4 (£38,825). I didn't get to drive it off-road, though its ability is now as much legend as the Defender's.

But it is on-road that this seven-seat Leviathan truly impresses, with a nimbleness that belies its size and bulk.

In luxury trim, it also makes a strong argument for not bothering with the more expensive Range Rover (from £69,995), but the latter's on- and off-road ability and outright snob value make it so much in demand.

SPOTLIGHT ON... LAND ROVER DEFENDER

Price: £24,225
Driving appeal: ★★
Image: ★★★★★
Space: ★★★★★
Value: ★★★★
Running costs: ★★★
Reliability: ★★★★
How green?: ★★
Best rival: Land Rover Discovery 4

OLD-STAGER: Land Rover has launched a special-edition XTech Defender, top, while the current model, far left, still takes a drop in its stride. The new Range Rover Evoque, left, can also walk the talk

DON'T LIKE

... the on-road experience. The Defender is harder to manoeuvre, noisy and poorly sprung, while the interior is far from sumptuous.

NOT SURE

... that many buyers mind all the discomfort. Most want it for its proper off-road ability, and almost all love it as a British motoring icon.

REALLY LIKE

...the Defender's air of invincibility. The old-stager shrugs off mud and can tackle a 47-degree slope. No wonder the military still loves it.

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Numbers add up as Sportback makes premium sense for Audi

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SO what's so special about an extra set of doors?

That has to be the first question when considering the A1 Sportback – the five-door version, to you and me – of Audi's smallest car.

Not a lot on the face of it, since the Sportback (from £13,980) has a near-identical look to its three-door sister.

Look closer, though, and you do get extra versatility when compared with other strictly three-door small cars, such as the BMW Mini and Fiat 500, bought by the image-conscious.

There is also a bit of extra rear headroom in Sportback models compared with equivalent and £560 cheaper three-door sister models, plus the ability to seat five rather than four – significant differences for those who want a premium motor with more functionality.

No wonder, then, that Audi reckons the Sportback will outsell the three-door model by two to one, following its springtime launch this year.

The other big benefit is that the A1 line-up is incredibly green, apart from the overtly sporting models.

The £15,675 A1 Sportback 1.6 TDI Sport model tested here is lively enough (0-62mph in 10.7 seconds) yet emits just 99g/km of CO_2, making it exempt from road tax and the London congestion charge. It should also average about 70mpg if driven sensibly.

Now that's a pretty attractive package for a well-made small car that is relatively cheap, unless you go mad with upgrades; the test car actually retails at £22,360, having gained various expensive goodies like an admittedly tempting Bose sound-system upgrade, sat-nav, xenon headlights, sports suspension and 17-inch alloys rather than standard-fit 16s.

Many of these you can do without and, in the case of the bigger alloys (£460), I would definitely urge you not to bother since the A1's ride is best described as firm anyway and the bigger wheels simply make it more unruly on our patchy UK roads.

The biggest waste of cash, though, would seem to be the two-tone paint job in Glacier White (£510) and Daytona Grey (£400), but you can't blame Audi for that when people also seem equally willing to pay silly money to bling up Minis and 500s.

What you do get as standard is impeccable build quality for a car this size and the guarantee that it will retain a lot of its value for when you sell. The dashboard is typically well arranged and thought out, while the quality of trimming and materials is excellent.

It is surprising, though, that the rear seats do not quite fold flat on the Sportback yet do on the three-door version, perhaps something to do with the three-seat capability across the back, where the three-door only seats two people.

Behind the wheel, the A1 is responsive and fun to drive even with our eco-favouring powertrain; importantly, it takes off sharply, making this version a cracker for townie owners needing some cut and thrust ability now and then while still minding the fuel economy.

The diesel engine can be gruff but is mostly smooth and responsive and settles well for motorway cruising, helped by a tall top gear on the crisp five-speed gearbox.

Keen drivers will like the way the A1 grips tightly and doesn't sway into cornering, although, as we implied earlier, there seems little to gain from the bigger alloys fitted to the test car, having driven versions with the standard 16-inch wheels.

The steering also feels a bit light – good for parking, but not so great for the enthusiast, who might well look to the Mini line-up where the Countryman estate goes a little further towards the Sportback's versatility.

AUDI A1 SPORTBACK 1.6TDI SPORT: PRICE £15,675

A SMALL WONDER: Audi reckons that its A1 Sportback will outsell its three-door sister model by two to one thanks to two extra doors and slightly more headroom

FACT FILE

Driving appeal:	★★★★
Image:	★★★★★
Space:	★★★★
Value:	★★★★
Running costs:	★★★★★
Reliability:	★★★★
How green?:	★★★★★
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The new Prius Plug-in variant can cover 15.5 miles at speeds up to 51mph on electric after a charge of just 90 minutes, before reverting to petrol hybrid mode

Ecomotive to lead Seat way

SPANISH marque Seat already expects 40 per cent of its UK sales in 2012 to wear the ultra-green Ecomotive branding.

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New Registration '62

A CLASS ACT: Mercedes-Benz C-Class is a top 10 UK best-seller this year

Be lucky and get a '62 plate

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IF YOU are superstitious and also thinking about buying a new car over the next year or so, buy now on a 62 plate, because the registration plate number next March will be 13.

And that's already causing jitters with some would-be buyers, while even the less nervous are worried they won't be able to sell their 13-plate motor quite so easily when they make their next car change.

Used-car valuation experts at CAP have had many inquiries about whether buyers can opt out of having the unlucky number on their car, but the DVLA says not, and CAP spokesman Martin Ward said: "Even if the driver isn't bothered what numbers are on their car, some superstitious family members might object."

And he added: "It's not often we say this at CAP, but we have no idea whether the used values of 13-plate cars will be affected or not, although it does seem unlikely."

What is more certain is how thinking small continues to influence buyers' new-car choice; the once-dominant family saloon/company-car sector of 20 years ago has been ousted first by the family hatchback and now the supermini.

Soaring fuel and insurance costs and greater environmental awareness have been key factors, but Government pressure through punitive road tax on larger cars, plus ever more stylish superminis, has delivered a combined 40 per cent market share to superminis and the even smaller city-car segment.

Family hatchbacks are still the number-two choice, with about 25 per cent of registrations.

It might not be long, though, before family hatchbacks are under threat, too, from the new kid on the block – the crossover.

As the name implies, this straddles several sectors by being part family hatch, part MPV (multi-purpose vehicle) or people-carrier, and part SUV (sports utility vehicle) – cars like the Nissan Qashqai, Skoda Yeti and Peugeot 3008.

In the meantime, registration figures so far this year from the motor industry mouthpiece the SMMT show how superminis (S) and family hatchbacks (H) still rule the UK top 10:

1. Ford Fiesta (S)
2. Vauxhall Corsa (S)
3. Ford Focus (H)
4. VW Golf (H)
5. Vauxhall Astra (H)
6. Nissan Qashqai
7. BMW 3-Series
8. VW Polo (S)
9. Vauxhall Insignia
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ALL THE RAGE: Superminis like the Kia Rio, left, dominate UK car sales now, while Skoda's all-new Citigo urban runabout, above, lives up to its name

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PREMIUM HYBRID: (Right) Lexus CT200h is currently the only small executive hybrid car on the market

HYBRID COST-CUTTER: Toyota's new Yaris Hybrid has a scaled-down version of the petrol-electric

Eco must also stand for 'eco-nomy' too

By Steve Loader
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MANY early adopters of green cars wanted to show their passion for matters environmental.

But 'eco' is beginning to stand for 'eco'-nomy, too, as new-car-buyers recognise that care for the wallet is as crucial as care for the environment.

Many new models not only help to offset rising fuel bills but also lower or even remove road-tax bills altogether.

The latest tax bandings range from zero for cars with the lowest CO_2 emissions (below 100g/km) up to £950 a year for gas-guzzling limos or 4x4s.

Of course, anyone spending £50,000-£100,000 on a car won't worry about small change like that, but most people like saving a few quid on their fuel and tax while also doing their bit for the environment.

Longer term, electric cars may be the answer and there has been much publicity about 'plug-in' models for overnight charging at home or city-centre charging points.

But battery technology must catch up and the zero emissions argument for electric is misleading. Until we have zero-emission power stations, electric cars simply transfer the CO_2 and noxious gas output from exhaust pipe to belching chimney.

Production of hydrogen to power our cars raises a similar dilemma.

Are hybrids the answer, then? Japanese giants Toyota and Honda lead here, pairing conventional engines with electric power and batteries; the former has now launched a plug-in version of its highly successful Prius. This can run up to 50 miles on a 90-minute electricity charge before reverting to its normal petrol-electric hybrid system.

But hybrids tend to be dearer up-front, so the internal combustion engine still has a part to play now that its emissions are plummeting, economy soaring and refinement improving.

In fact, things are moving so fast that you marvel at what some legislative prods have achieved.

Downsizing is well under way, too, with many new cars proving that 'small is beautiful', such as Skoda's all-new city car, the Citigo.

Most carmakers also now have an 'eco' sub brand – Hyundai offers Blue Drive and Kia markets the Ecodynamics range.

But some don't come cheap, so weigh potential long-term savings against upfront cost; if you don't cover enough miles to make the fuel savings offset the car's purchase price, conventional alternatives may be a better bet.

Don't ignore petrol models, either; the higher price of diesels and the fuel at the pumps must be compared with new small-capacity low-emission/consumption yet lively turbocharged petrol engines.

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Go easy on the colour

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THINK and think again when choosing the colour or added bling for your new '62 reg motor – that's the advice of the experts.

For you may want to sell at some stage and, like the colours of those hideous 1970s bathroom suites, might find that 'acid green' and 'latte brown' is not to everyone's taste.

Some wild colours can suit certain cars, though: Seat has used red, blue, yellow and white to great effect on its sporty little numbers, while Honda has also been adventurous with red and yellow on its Civic and Jazz models.

And playing safe can be a turn-off to some buyers, too, so here is a colour league table from the SMMT – the motor trade body – plus some pros and cons:

1) Black (24.7 per cent) is the perennial favourite but looks dirty quickly and shows little scratches or the swirling effect left by over-use of mechanical car washes.
2) Silver (21.4) is still riding high and hides scratches and carwash abrasion well but is increasingly seen as the boring or safe option.
3) Blue (16.5) is conservative yet smart, but very dark blue is best avoided.
4) Grey Metallic (14.4) – more assertive and upmarket than silver?
5) Red (10.2) had fallen away due to a tendency to go pinker with age, but better finishes and use on sportier models has helped stabilise figures.
6) White (10) has shot back up the charts; it's usually a no-cost option with mainstream marques, but expect a hefty premium with the fancy ones. It also handles wear and tear well and reflects the heat.

Also-rans: Green (1.1), beige (0.9), yellow (0.4) and brown (0.4).

AND HERE IS THE HUES: This Honda Jazz proves blue is cool; white is right for the Skoda Yeti SUV or crossover below; Ford's all-new B-Max makes a strong case for metallic brown

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CT 200h fuel consumption and CO_2 figures: urban 68.9 mpg (4.1 l/100km), extra-urban 70.6 mpg (4.0 l/100km), combined 68.9 mpg (4.1 l/100km). CO_2 emissions combined 94 g/km.

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BLUE MOON: We say the BlueDrive version of the Hyundai i30 hatchback is worth the money, but not all eco specials save you cash in the long run

Important dos and don'ts before buying a new car

Don't... accept the first deal on offer – be ready to haggle.

Don't... be afraid to ask for trimmings like a tank of fuel, car mats or further discounts or extras.

Don't... fall for what seems like a big bargain before you even haggle. It could be an unpopular engine or trim combination or a car on 'run-out' where production ceased a while ago – it might be just as thirsty as your old car and will depreciate badly.

Do... pick a model that saves fuel, insurance, road tax and depreciation – it isn't getting any easier out there.

Don't... be blinded by road tax-exempt but expensive eco models – check price, running costs, green credentials and the savings over your planned mileage versus years of ownership, then compare against the closest standard version. The savings to be made on the standard car may surprise you.

Don't... assume that diesel will save – you usually pay more upfront, so you need to do a lot of miles to claw that money back in fuel economy, and the engines are generally heavier, which means more wear on front tyres and mechanicals. The fuel is also dearer at the pumps, while economy and emissions on small petrol cars have improved and they are often nicer to drive. In short – do your sums.

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Turning the corner?

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DEMAND for new cars has strengthened in 2012 despite gloomy predictions for the economy.

Industry watchers are now confident that this year's final figure will exceed 2011's better-than-expected 1.94 million registrations.

According to statistics from motor-industry mouthpiece the SMMT (Society of Motors Manufacturers and Traders), the market is 5 per cent ahead of forecasts, with much of the growth driven by private buyers, normally the most cautious section of the market.

Private volumes rose 8.7 per cent over the first half of this year and touched almost 10 per cent in June. Meanwhile, the big-buying fleet sector volumes have remained on a par with last year, while business demand has fallen.

Of the vehicle types, alternatively-fuelled cars – electric and hybrid – are catching the eye with a near-50 per cent rise in sales for June. Diesels were also up, now taking more than half the overall UK car market.

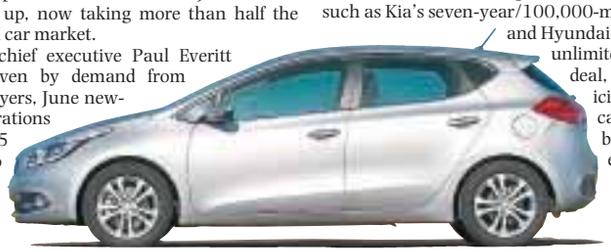
SMMT chief executive Paul Everitt said: "Driven by demand from private buyers, June new-car registrations grew 3.5 per cent to push 2012 half-year volumes through the one million mark.

"Despite domestic and international economic concerns, UK motorists are responding positively to new products and the latest fuel-efficient technology. The industry has performed better than expected in the first half of the year and we will now need to work hard to sustain growth."

The technology point was exactly what Everitt predicted at the start of the year; its savings have clearly caught the imagination of buyers, as well as low-rate finance, dealer/manufacturer insurance deals and the lack of growth from savings that buyers might otherwise leave in the bank.

But it's important not to let enthusiasm cloud your judgement: shop around and get a realistic valuation on your old car, too; used-car values are buoyant due to the lower number of new cars sold since the recession hit in 2007, meaning fewer used cars in circulation now to soak up demand from that sector.

There are outstanding warranties available, such as Kia's seven-year/100,000-mile package and Hyundai's five-year/unlimited mileage deal, while servicing deals can prove to be very cost-effective.



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RIDE ON: The Chinese bargain-price Great Wall Steed will be big hit in pick-up sector

Pick-up a bargain

TAX anomalies have made a huge success out of chunky pick-up trucks over the past 15 years.

These workhorses, usually from the Far East but inspired by the Marlboro Man imagery of American cowboy country, have displaced much of the farm and building-site business once catered for by the original Land Rover, and also found a new class of private buyer who simply wants something big, butch and different.

The appeal is helped by big tax savings when you buy, which makes the newest model in the sector look like a steal; the Chinese-built Great Wall Steed starts at just £13,998 after tax deductions and, like most rivals, comes with lots of extras and comforts as well as four-wheel-drive.

Man with a van gets creature comforts

By Steve Loader
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EASY STREETS: The Mercedes-Benz Vito offers a level of driver comfort that goes with its efficiency

WHITE van man and his boss have had their world transformed within a decade.

Operators have seen economy, efficiency and flexibility soar, while drivers now get better performance, refinement and safety.

Initially, this benefited car-derived models only and included air-con and a decent sound system, but the philosophy has since migrated to larger vans.

The range of van capacities has also widened, varying from as little as three cubic metres for a car-derived hatchback for courier work or use as a company runabout, up to a 17 cubic-metre delivery van.

Access has improved, too. Many larger vans have low floors in the driving compartment for easy access and most vehicles above the supermini class now come with at least one sliding door as standard to aid loading – many buyers take the option of a second 'slider'.

At the back, there is usually a choice of side-opening twin rear doors or a high-lift tailgate, while cab doors generally have a reduced opening angle, making it easy for a busy driver to grab the handle to close the door and also avoid it swinging wide and hitting something.

And petrol-driven vans have been displaced by the better economy, range and low-down pulling power of diesels.

Extended service periods, lower maintenance costs and longer-lasting parts then compound diesel-operating benefits.

Gearboxes have also changed; a six-speed manual gearbox is the standard – two cogs better than only a few years ago – but urban operators are turning increasingly to automatic, semi-automatic or clutchless transmissions. These can usually be driven with manual selection anyway but are ideal for stop-start urban traffic conditions and can be as economical as a manual.

With better engines and gearboxes and weight-saving building techniques, vans are also following the car sector once more by becoming greener and kinder to the environment.

Models shown are Yaris Edition 1.0 VVT-i 3 door manual £11,695 and AYGO Fire 1.0 VVT-i 3 door manual £9,635; Offers exclude metallic paint extra £450. Prices correct at time of going to press. *0% APR Representative only available on new retail sales of Yaris (excluding T2 and Hybrid), AYGO (excluding Entry model), iQ, Verso and RAV4 when ordered between 2 July and 30 September and registered and financed through Toyota Financial Services, Great Burgh, Burgh Heath, Epsom, Surrey, KT18 5UZ before 31 December 2012 on a 3 year AccessToyota (PCP) plan with 0%-20% deposit. Indemnities may be required. Finance subject to status to over 18s. Excess mileage over 30,000 charged at 8p per mile on iQ, AYGO and Yaris, 9p per mile on Verso and 12p per mile on RAV4. Toyota Centres are independent of Toyota Financial Services. Terms and Conditions apply. 5 year/100,000 mile manufacturer warranty subject to terms and conditions.

Official Fuel Consumption Figures in mpg (l/100km); Yaris Edition 1.0 VVT-i 3 door manual: Urban 48.7 (5.8), Extra Urban 65.7 (4.3), Combined 58.9 (4.8). CO_2 Emissions 111g/km; AYGO Fire 1.0 VVT-i 3 door manual: Urban 55.4 (5.1), Extra Urban 74.3 (3.8), Combined 65.7 (4.3). CO_2 Emissions 99g/km.

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OLYMPICS

Kent stars eager to grab their golden opportunity and shine at Olympics

By Jon Phipps
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NINE months ago Adam Gemili was dreaming of one day walking out to a packed stadium.

It's just that he probably imagined that venue to be Stamford Bridge or Wembley, and the shirt he was pulling would be in the colours of a leading Premiership football side.

However, dreams have a funny way of becoming a reality – but not quite as you imagined.

For 18-year-old Gemili, this weekend will see him resplendent in the red, white and blue of the Team GB kit, receiving the applause and admiration of a sell-out 80,000 crowd at London's Olympic Stadium. Not to mention a global TV audience which is likely to have more digits than David Beckham's bank account.

He competes in the heats for the men's 100m final on Saturday and, if all goes to plan, he will line alongside the likes of Usain Bolt on Sunday night for the showpiece event of the Games – the race to determine who is the fastest man on Earth.

The fact he only started to concentrate on his sprinting at the beginning of this year, after previously pursuing a career in football, makes it all the more remarkable.

The former Dartford Grammar School pupil had set a goal of competing in the World Junior Championships last month – and when he made the Olympic team he was still unsure as to whether he was making the leap to the world's biggest sporting event too soon.

Instead he opted for both, and got off to a flying start by taking the 100m junior title. His 10.05secs in winning his junior crown in Barcelona was hailed as "phenomenal" by Tyson Gay, the second-fastest man of all time, and he believes the 18-year-old will become the first teenager to break the 10-second barrier.

Gemili himself admits the prospect of running against his hero Usain Bolt is something he would relish.

"Competing against Bolt at the Olympics would be a once in-a-lifetime experience," he said.

"Bolt has given me a few pearls of wisdom; he told me to prepare mentally as well as physically."

Gay, who will be hoping he can see off the challenge of Bolt and his fellow Jamaican Yohan Blake, believes that Gemili will be a big name in the sport in years to come – regardless of his performance in London.

"I think he's going to be around for a while," he added.

"I think he's going to be one of the greatest sprinters of all time, watching that race. He did it at the big show and that's where it counts.

"The time he ran is great for his age. If he stays healthy he's capable of 9.99sec next year, then 9.92sec and then the 9.8s in a steady progression."

FAST TRACKED: Adam Gemili hopes to build on his success at World Junior Championships to line-up in 100m sprint final

MIXED FORTUNES FOR COUNTY'S OLYMPIANS DURING FIRST WEEK

WEEK one may have got off to a slow start for Team GB before exploding into life on Wednesday, but Kent's Olympians were reflecting on a job well done as two emerged already clutching medals.

On Tuesday, Canterbury rider **William Fox-Pitt** was the first to step on the podium after helping the three-day equestrian eventing team to silver.

The 43-year-old, who already had a bronze and a silver from the previous two Olympics, was part of the five-strong British team who put in a fine display at Greenwich Park.

Riding Lionheart, he rode in the final stage of the team pursuit and, along with Nicola Wilson, Mary King, Zara Phillips and Tina Cook, put in a performance worthy of second place, five points behind Germany.

Wednesday morning saw a second medal heading for Kent as Ashford's **Tom Ransley** was part of the men's rowing eight which came third at Eton Dorney. In a thrilling final Ransley and co led with just a quarter of the race to go, but strong finishes from Germany and Canada saw them get ahead of the British team.

Bexleyheath's **Jack Oliver** may not have earned himself a medal in the weightlifting, but equalling the British record was more than consolation enough for the 21-year-old in the men's 77kg category.

Oliver overcame an unexpected start to the morning – when he missed his morning alarm call – to put in a performance that had most of a 6,000-strong crowd at the ExCeL on their feet.

After failing with his first attempt at 135kg in the snatch, he managed it second time around, and then went 5kg better with his next lift – just 2kg below his personal best and a further 3kg behind the British record.

Windsurfer **Bryony Shaw** made a promising start to her campaign at Weymouth and Portland, with the final races in her event taking place over this weekend.

Trampolinist **Kat Driscoll** was also hoping for success on Saturday at the North Greenwich Arena.

In hockey, West Malling's **Ashley Jackson** scored twice, but missed a late penalty as Team GB were held to a 2-2 draw by South Africa.

Team GB opened up with a 4-1 win over Argentina, but the draw with the Proteas leaves them needing positive results against Australia on Sunday and Spain on Tuesday to make sure of progression.

In the women's competition, there was disappointment for Canterbury's **Jen Wilson** as her South Africa side were thrashed 7-1 in their opening game by Argentina.

In the pool, there was heartbreak for Bromley's **Ellen Gandy** as she failed to reach the 200m butterfly semi-final. Gandy, the silver medallist at last year's World Championships, tailed off in the second 100m to finish fifth in her heat.

Meanwhile, former Gillingham defender **Ryan Bertrand** has also been in London 2012 action, helping Team GB to reach the quarter-finals.

The Chelsea man started the opening game against Senegal, and although he was left out of the 3-1 win over UAE at Wembley, he returned to the team to help them beat Uruguay 1-0 in Cardiff and set up a last-eight clash with South Korea.

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But there is far more to look forward to over the coming week than simply the mad dash which forms the 100m.

After an electrifying first week of sporting endeavour, the athletics got under way on Friday and provides the chance to shine for some of Kent's top Olympians.

Maidstone's Jack Green will be hoping for glory in the 400m hurdles – the heats and semi-finals of which take place this weekend.

Green is currently ranked seventh in his main event, and while all the focus will be on his near-namesake and World Champion Dai Greene, the 20-year-old is hoping he can spring a surprise.

Green has top-level experience after reaching the semi-finals in last year's World Championships, but he believes that was a "waste of time" and that has spurred him on this year.

He trains alongside Greene under the tutelage of a man dubbed "the Alex Ferguson of athletics", legendary coach Malcolm Arnold.

Green said: "I've been behind Dai so far this season, but hopefully, come the Olympics, I'll be able to run times where he'll have to think about me as a competitor and not just a training partner," said Green.

"I'm going in ranked seventh in the world and was only 0.1secs off Angelo Taylor at Crystal Palace, and he's a two-time Olympic champion, so I'm in a really good place."

Green is also in the 4x400m relay squad, having also set a previous best in the flat this year, aided by motivational messages on his arms.

He added: "I have a tendency not to focus too well – I enjoy the whole experience a bit too much instead of having tunnel vision – so that's why I did it.

"I just choose a few key words that I react to. I can kind of get carried away in a hurdles race and start turning over my legs a bit too quick, so I wrote 'long, strong' on my arm.

"Then on the 400m it was 'chin down, flat back' because when I get tired and lactic, I tend to throw my head back and then everything is going backwards.

"I spent an hour warming up before each race and the whole time I saw that on my arm, so they were subliminal messages in a way and they obviously worked."

While the Games may be coming at just the right time for Green and Gemili, Lisa Dobriskey would be the first to admit her preparations have been far from ideal.

After high hopes of a medal in Beijing four years ago, she was agonisingly close to securing a podium place, coming fourth.

The Ashford star, who grew up on Romney Marsh, describes her road to London 2012 as a "bumpy ride" – it could be one of the great understatements.

Earlier this year she was diagnosed with a pulmonary embolism on her lungs – blood clots which could have proved fatal if not treated.

The 1500m women's heats begin on Monday. She may be an ousider, but if she defies expectations, her quest for gold glory will reach a pinnacle next Friday in the final.

She said: "In my head I told myself that I was going to the Olympics and focused on my training that would get me there. I didn't waste any time or energy stressing on whether I would be there or not.

"I really hope to make the final. I was fourth in Beijing so for me to go one better would be the ultimate goal."

The county is behind them - along with the rest of our Olympic stars.

CRICKET

Festival fingers crossed as Kent eye promotion push

By Jon Phipps
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KENT chiefs are praying for sunshine and a reversal of their fortunes this week as the 161st Canterbury Festival gets under way.

The wet summer has blown a huge hole in the club's finances so far, but fingers are being crossed that Wednesday's cricket week start at the club's St Lawrence headquarters will be blessed with warm weather – and big crowds.

Kent chief executive Jamie Clifford explained: "Obviously, the financial implications are important for me to keep in mind but for most people it's about coming and having a good day at the cricket. That's what they're worried about. I share that view, you want to see a good game being played so we just keep everything crossed that we get a dry week.

"When you're running outdoor events you want everything really – sunny but not too hot, dry but not cloudy. If it's weather like this week then it will be fantastic."

Essex are the visitors for the four-day LV County Championship clash before Derbyshire arrive for Sunday's CB40 encounter.

Kent are firmly in the mix for promotion back to Division One of the Championship, and are currently in action against leaders Derbyshire at Derby, which began on Thursday.

That makes the visit of Essex – who have just one Championship win to their name – a vital one, and Clifford hopes that will bring the crowds in.

"It's shaping up to be a very exciting end to the Championship season," he said. "Canterbury week is always a great festival anyway so I'm hoping people will turn out in numbers.

"People travel from right around the country – all over the world in fact – for the festival."

With the business end of the Olympic Games on at the same time as the festival, there have been concerns that crowd numbers could be affected, but Clifford is confident the two will mutually benefit one another. He said: "If you want to follow the Olympics we've got loads of TVs in the ground, all of a decent size, and there are very few viewing areas where you're not far from a TV, so you shouldn't miss anything."

Picture: ADY KERRY

SMILES: Kent will hope the sun shines as they look to reverse financial fortunes with at the festival

FOOTBALL

Gills set to unveil new stars as Allen happy with build up

GILLINGHAM manager Martin Allen is confident his new side will soon get to grips with his style of play.

Allen's new side beat Dover 2-1 on Tuesday night – a game which saw Adam Birchall play a full 90 minutes against his former club.

Birchall was among the scorers at Crabble, but Allen is keen for his side to step up as they approach their big kick-off a week on Tuesday when they travel to face Bristol City in the League Cup.

"Our passing wasn't as good as what it can be in the first half," he said. "If you give the ball away then you lose the tempo and you lose belief.

"We want to shift the ball around the pitch. The players want to do it, I want to see it and so do the fans, but we want to do it by being positive, creating chances and getting in behind their back four.

"We certainly got that in the second half and it's fair to say Alex Brown and Jack Evans came on with a positive attitude and lifted our team."

Allen, who has confirmed Carl Muggleton as his goalkeeping coach this week, has added another new face to his squad in MK Dons centre-back Tom Flanagan, and is hoping to bring in more players this weekend.

"Hopefully by the weekend one or two things will happen," he added. "If they don't, we will persevere and continue happily with a lot of excitement, expectation and anticipation."

Gillingham kick-off their League Two campaign on August 18 when they host Bradford City at Priestfield. They follow that up three days later with an away trip to Wycombe Wanderers.

Picture: ADY KERRY

CLOSE: Martin Allen set for season

MOTORSPORT

Top gear for Quaife-Hobbs as he secures AutoGP crown

RACE ace Adrian Quaife-Hobbs is celebrating after being crowned AutoGP champion for 2012 with two races to spare.

The 21-year-old from Tonbridge was on pole for the first of two races at Brazil's Autódromo Internacional de Curitiba but after being slow off the line and a problem in the pits he had to settle for sixth spot.

In complete contrast, he made a flying start in the following race, coming from the second row to lead by the first corner, but his race ended on lap 19 when he crashed into a tyre barrier.

However, Pål Varhaug's failure to win either race meant Quaife-Hobbs holds an unassailable 55-point lead ahead of the final weekend of racing at Sonama in the USA on September 22-23.

The Supernova Racing driver said: "Naturally I'm very happy to have won the series, with two rounds remaining, but I really wanted to win the series with a race victory.

"Our pace in practice and qualifying showed that once again we were more than capable of doing that, but for a number of problems, we were denied that in race one.

"In the second race, everything was going really well but I just misjudged the braking on the entry to the pit lane."

Quaife-Hobbs has followed in some famous footsteps by winning the crown, with Ferrari F1 driver Felipe Massa the champion in 2001 when the series was known as Euro Formula 3000, while Lotus' Romain Grosjean – third in last weekend's Hungarian Grand Prix – was the winner in 2010.

WINNER: Triumph sealed in Brazil

CRICKET

AMBITIOUS: Kent seam bowler Matt Coles

Coles ready to roar as Lions tour proves path to senior England team

KENT seamer Matt Coles joins up with the England Lions this week hoping to shine and keep himself firmly in the selectors' minds.

The Maidstone-born 22-year-old, and county team-mate James Tredwell, are both in a 12-man squad to face Australia A in two four-day games, the first of which starts on Tuesday at Old Trafford.

Seven of the 12 already have senior England experience, while Nottinghamshire's James Taylor, who was named in the original squad, stepped up to the senior side this week.

Taylor has previously captained the England second-string, and Coles believes that shows the Lions is a good stepping stone.

The Kent star said: "Hopefully one or two from our Lions team can put in their performances and get their reward for it.

"I'm really looking forward to that. No doubt it'll be tough as the season has been already, I've just got to do my basics when I get there and hopefully my performance can be up there.

"It's nice to get the opportunity and I've got to make the most of it and go from there."

Taylor's county coach Mike Newell has stated that the batsman's move to Trent Bridge – and Division One cricket – has helped him make the step up, and Coles is keen to help Kent's promotion push to ensure he too has the chance to compete against the best.

He said: "I don't want to look too far ahead at the moment but fingers crossed we can keep going well for the rest of this year and get promotion back up to the first division and give everyone a chance to compete against the best in the country.

"The beginning of the year was good. I had a down patch during the Twenty20 which was a shame because I would have liked to have done well in that. Now I want to get back into the form I had early in the season in the Championship and the CB40 and go from there."

Coles is one of several young Kent stars who have shone this season, and he believes the team has the ideal mix of experience and youth.

He added: "That's the good thing about our team. All the young lads have pulled their weight and the atmosphere in the changing room has been brilliant. The new boys like Davies, Powell, Shreck and Harmison have come in and hopefully we can keep that going for a while."

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